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Ben Stookesberry in Torngat

Window Seat

I always sit by a window in airplanes because I love watching the mountains and rivers scroll below, while contemplating the astonishing fact *that I am actually flying*. It's remarkable how many things we take for granted that in our grandparents' time could only have been explained as magic. It can cast a spell over you.

I couldn't look away as Ben Stookesberry and his crew live-tweeted last summer's most intriguing expedition. They traveled 600 miles on traditional canoe routes to access previously un-run rapids in northern Labrador's Torngat region (Return of the Long Boat, p. 51). I was hooked, watching the expedition unfold in a continuous stream of Facebook updates, Instagram photos, live mapping, and audio clips.

It's becoming a familiar addiction. I was transfixed as Aleksander Doba, a 67-year-old Polish grandfather and owner of the world's most magnificent beard, sent cryptic texts from his 167-day kayak crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. I followed tweet-by-tweet as CNN reporter John Sutter paddled America's most endangered river, the San Joaquin. And though I complain that I don't have enough time for the things that matter most—my wife, my kids, paddling—I spend every empty moment online, following those who do. If a Smartphones Anonymous chapter ever opens on my block I'll be the first to stand up and admit I have a problem.

When Stookesberry posted a note that he and the boys were running low on food, my obsession went into overdrive. I pictured them on some windblown shard of the Canadian Shield, dizzy from hunger and scouting must-make lines. And then I noticed something curious. Between foraging for food, evading polar bears and firing up first descents in the wilds of Torngat, a half-starved Ben Stookesberry had managed to 'like' all sorts of stuff on Facebook.

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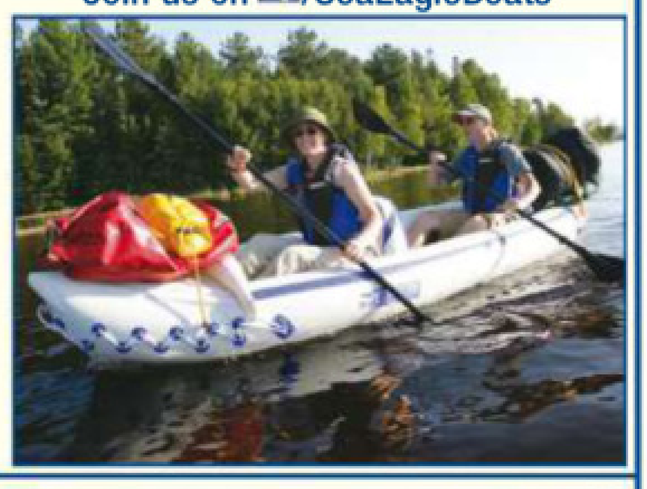
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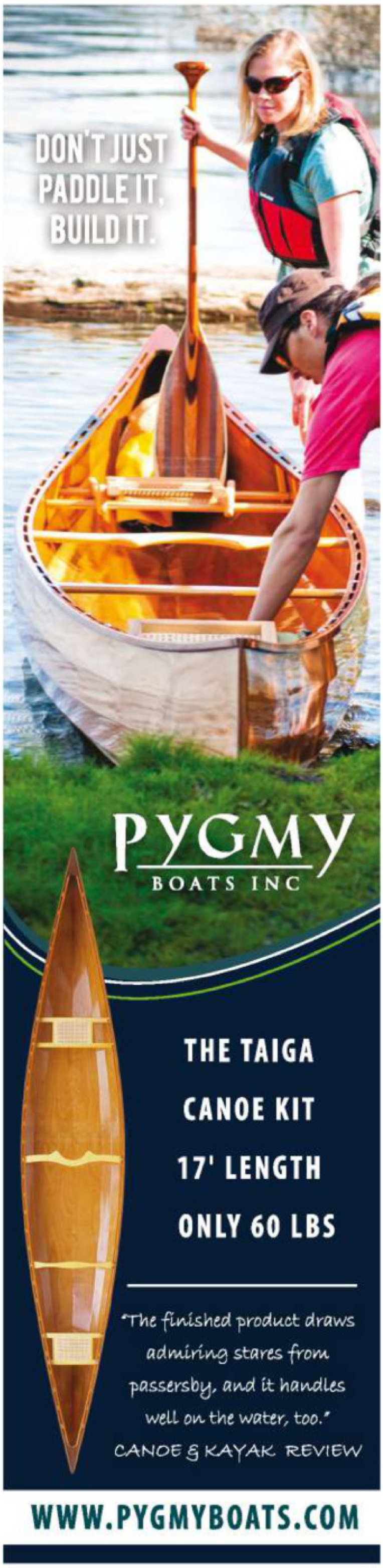
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As we left the shore lights, the paddles slowly started glowing. When we passed under the shadow of the train trestle, they were downright neon. The water moved swiftly around the pylons in a ribbon of blue light, starbursts of color from the feeding barnacles. A trace of ambient light was all that separated the glowing sea and the star-filled sky.

"What is that Mama?" My daughter questioned. We told her as much as we knew about the phenomenon and she listened intently, quickly moving on to talk about trains and airplanes. As we paddled back to the car, I felt sad the scene didn't have the same effect on my daughter as it did me.

Then I smiled and remembered what it was like to think like a child. We have tried to show her so much natural beauty in her short life that she has come to expect it. In her mind, why wouldn't the sea glow?
— Vesla K.

RE: PADDLING THROUGH CLIMATE CHANGE

Remember: If NOAA doesn't produce reports supporting global warming it hurts NOAA's funding. The people writing that report are literally being paid to write reports to justify their jobs. —B.K.W.



RE: PADDLING THROUGH CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Change is directly affecting the paddling experience on Appalachian rivers. A bug called the hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA) is killing giant hemlocks all along the Appalachian chain. Several published studies have connected the HWA's rapid spread to warmer temperatures. The death of these magnificent trees not only degrades the paddling experience visually, it presents an extreme hazard in the form of strainers. On a recent trip down Section III of the Chattooga with hundreds of standing-dead hemlocks per mile, we had to dodge fallen hemlocks on some classic rapids of this Wild and Scenic River. — John M.

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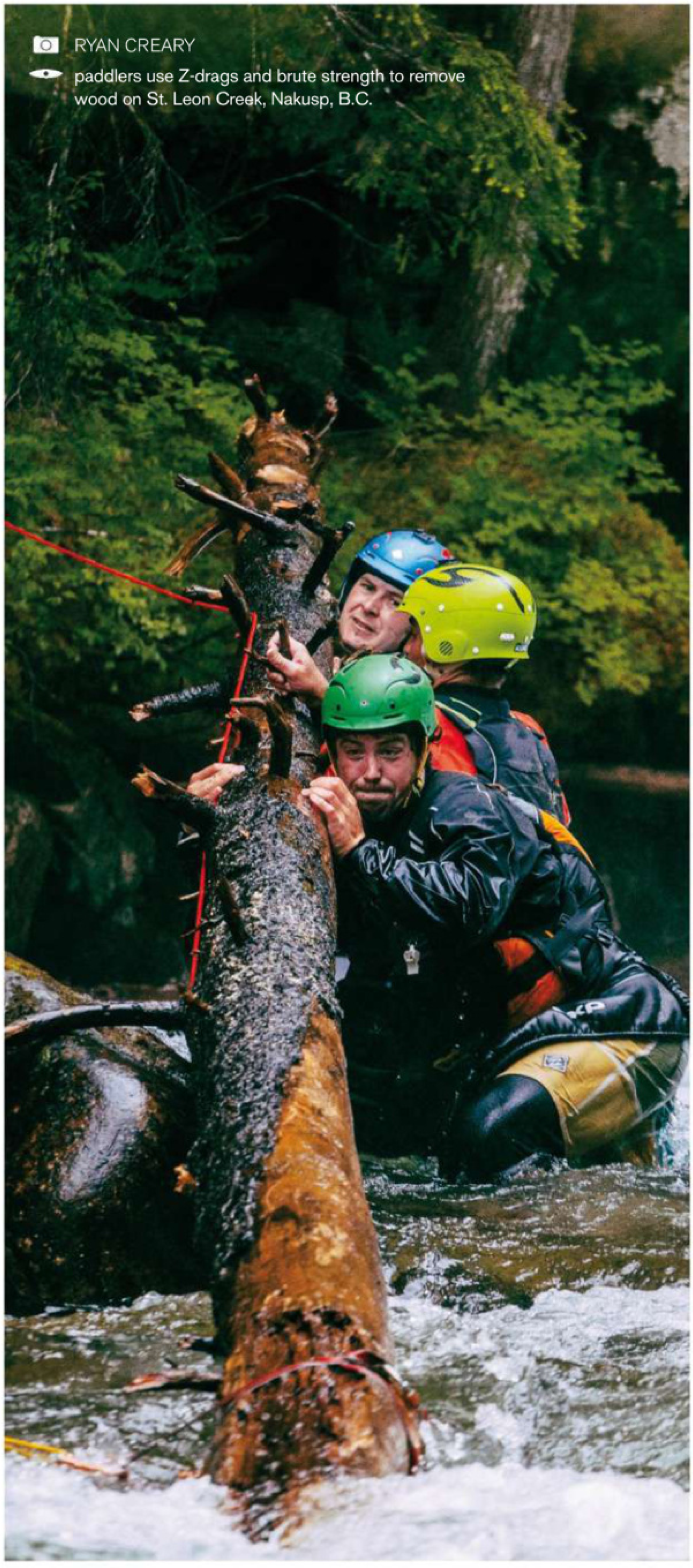
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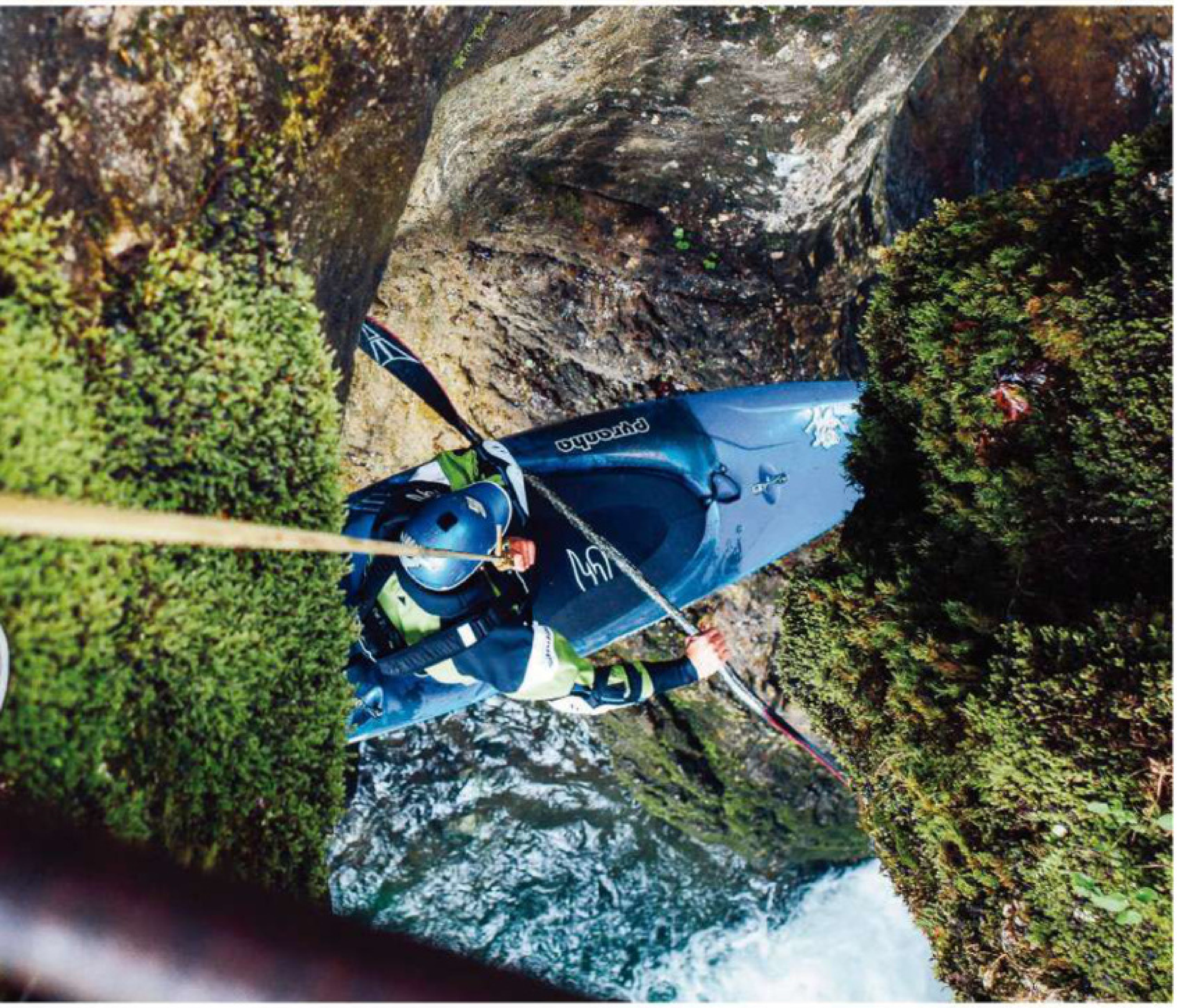






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Mike Curran navigates a massive logjam in the Goat Creek section of Idaho's South Fork Salmon



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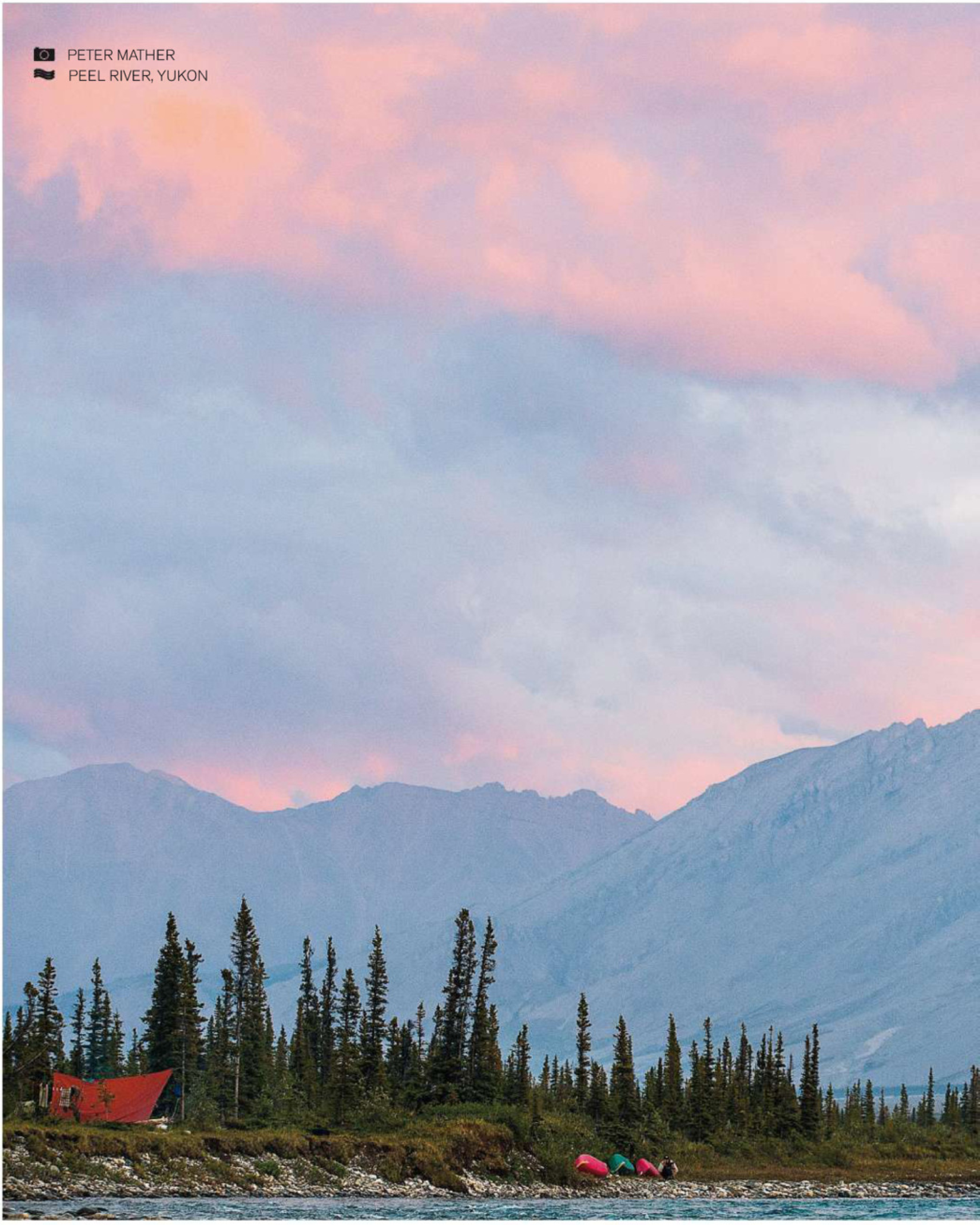


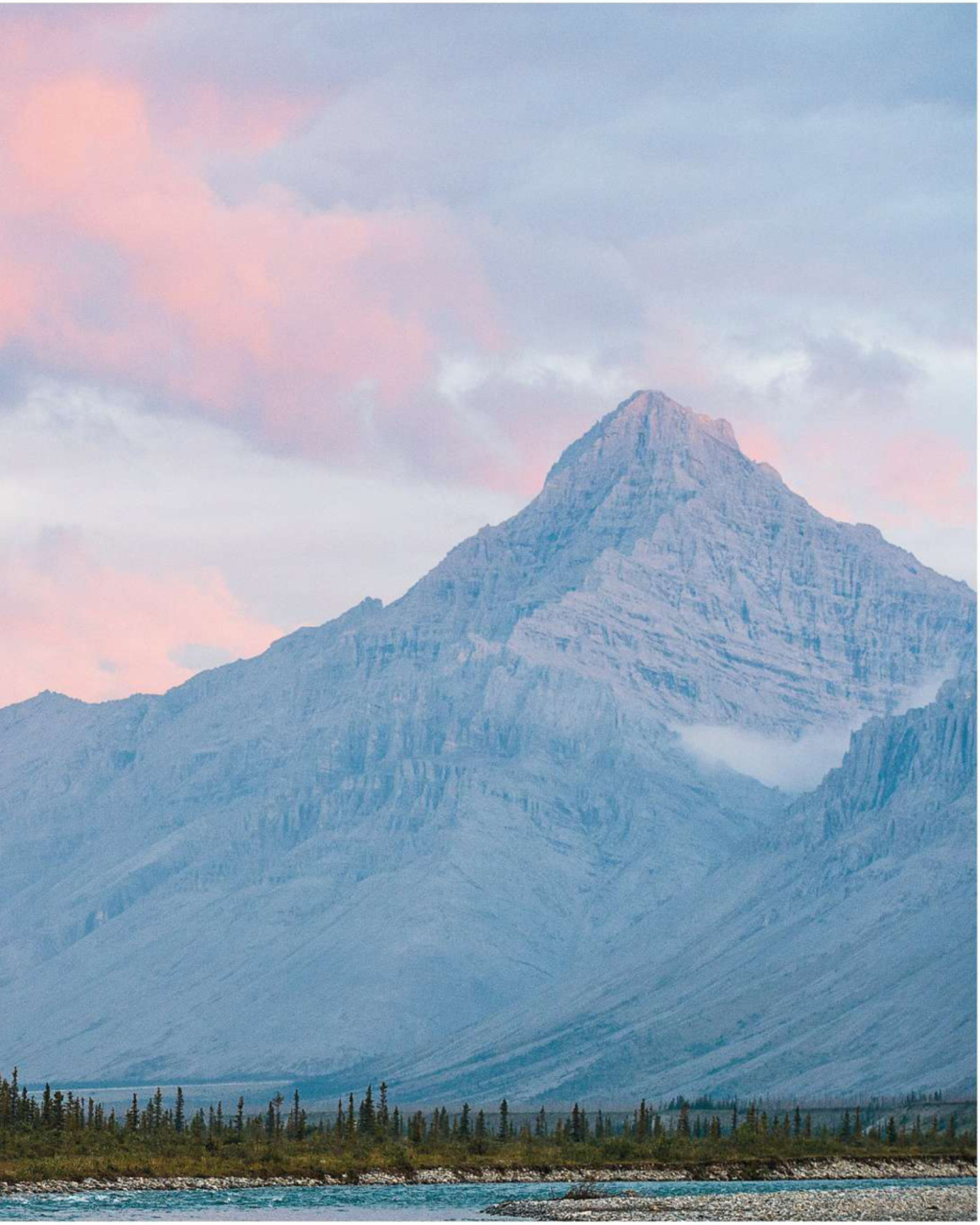
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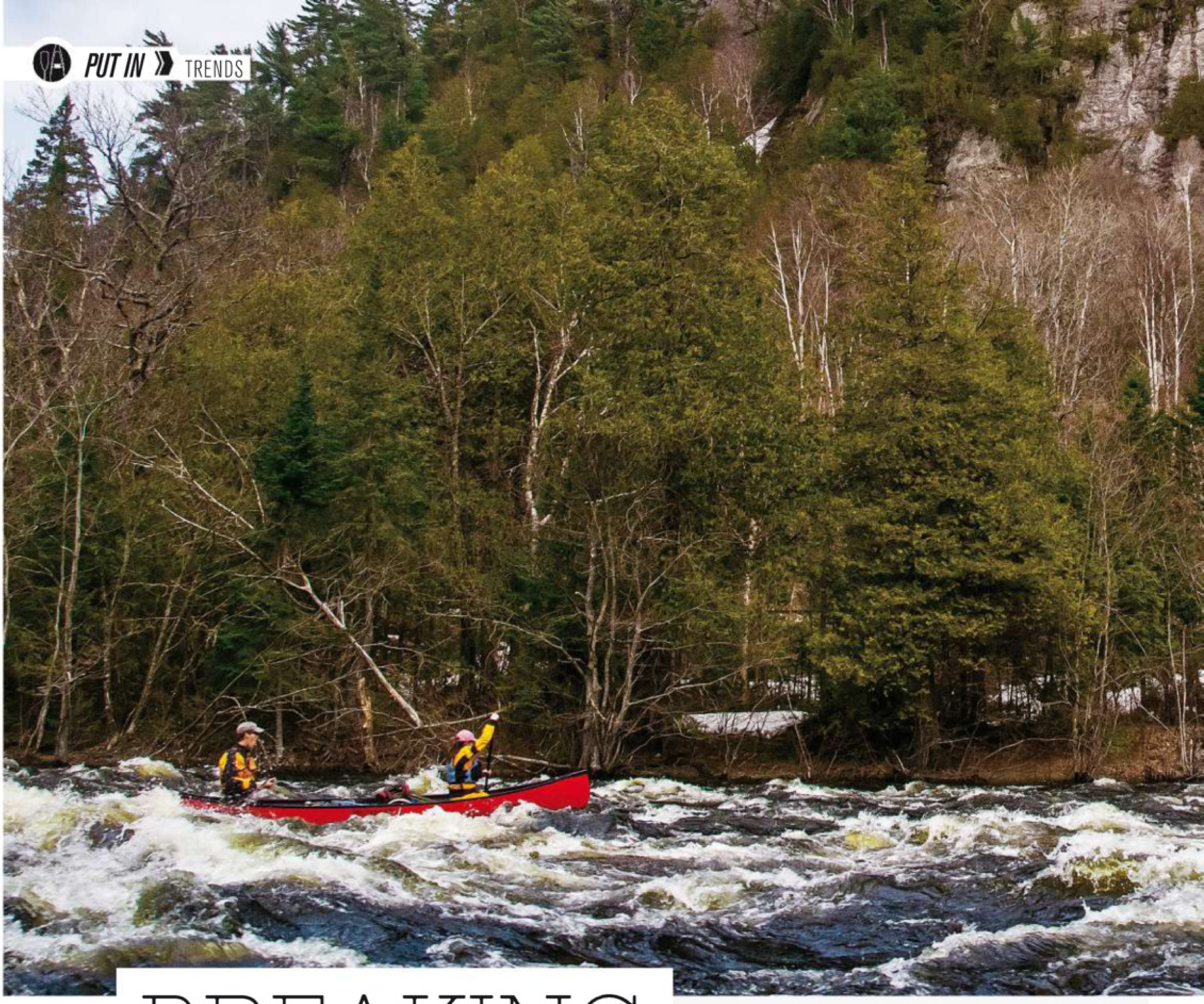
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BREAKING THE MOLD

CANOE MANUFACTURERS ADJUST TO LIFE AFTER ROYALEX

BY CONOR MIHELL

Nearly half a century ago, plastics manufacturer Uniroyal was desperate to find a commercial application for a unique thermoformed material it devised in the boom years following World War II. Uniroyal tried and failed to mold powerboats, model cars and even an amphibious motorhome before it began to experiment on the humble canoe. But it worked. Soon, venerable builder Old Town and upstarts like Mad River and Dagger were ordering sheets of Royalex to produce a new generation of ultra-tough canoes. The stuff was almost impervious to impacts with rocks. Old Town famously threw a Royalex canoe off the factory roof for an ad campaign. It bounced, but was none the worse for wear.

For nearly 40 years, this no-maintenance laminate of ABS plastic, foam and vinyl was the go-to material for tripping, whitewater and recreational canoes. And then last spring, PolyOne, the multinational corporation that had taken over the Royalex license and production facilities, stopped making the stuff.

The shockwaves spread across the canoeing world: record sales as paddlers snapped up the last Royalex canoes to come off production lines; spiking prices for used Royalex boats; and, ultimately, a frenzy of R&D for a replacement.

"This year showed us that Royalex truly wasn't ready to die off yet consumer-wise,"



Aaron Peterson

says Richard Guin of Tennessee-based Mohawk Canoes. "We've all had to get off the pot and take some risk. Only the strong will survive."

Canoe manufacturers are unanimously optimistic in their outlook on life after Royalex. Our takeaway: If you own a Royalex canoe, don't Craigslist it just yet. And if you're in the market for a new canoe, consider these alternatives.

MYSTERY MOLD: With 85 percent of sales hinging on Royalex, Esquif Canoes owner Jacques Chassé says his Quebec-based company had no choice but to innovate. Chassé's solution: T-Formex, a three-layer laminated plastic with a foam core that can be shaped into canoes on existing Royalex molding equipment. "It's like Royalex but with a better shell to protect the structure," says Chassé, who's also selling the raw material to other canoe manufacturers. Chassé claims T-Formex will be lighter and more abrasion-resistant that Royalex at about the same price point.

POLYETHYLENE: Back in the 1980s, Old Town Canoe pioneered three-layer polyethylene canoes that were cheaper and just as durable as Royalex, albeit heavier. The company still uses the material in a variety of boats today, including its brand-new NEXT, a 13-foot, open-decked solo boat that combines the attributes of a canoe and a kayak.

Meanwhile, Mohawk invested in blow-molding technology to produce stiffer, lighter and more durable polyethylene hulls. The catch: Mohawk is only able to use blow-molding for canoes less than 10 feet long. As a result, "We're focusing on whitewater," says Guin. Mohawk's new launch is the Phiend, a 9-foot blow-molded creekboat.

PROPRIETARY COMPOSITES: British Columbia's Clipper Canoes resisted the Royalex rage and pioneered Duraflex, a heavy-duty Kevlar composite, decades ago. Operations manager Lynne Smith says Duraflex is produced with a unique elastic resin that flexes to withstand impacts, yet also retains the smooth-paddling characteristics and lightness of composite canoes. Similarly, Ontario-based manufacturer Nova Craft developed TuffStuff, a new secret-recipe composite that owner Tim Miller claims is lighter, higher-performing and equally able to bounce back from hull-deforming impacts as Royalex, at a slightly higher price.

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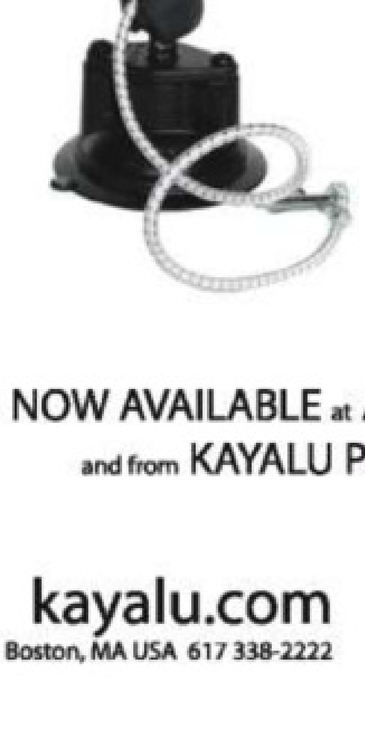
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SHORT BOATS, BIG GAINS

KAYAK DESIGN CATERING TO PERFORMANCE IN THE MIDDLE

BY CONOR MIHELL

When it comes to paddling, it's okay to think big. But more often, it's better to embrace reality. For most sea kayakers, daydreams of multi-week journeys are just that: fantasy. So why paddle an expedition-size kayak when a lighter, more nimble and compact boat meets your needs? As the market for short, beginner-oriented, value-priced recreational kayaks continues to boom, a distinct genre of high-performance, light-touring boat has emerged to bridge the gap between expedition and rec kayaks.

The upshot: The next generation of light-tourers punches well above its weight. For instance, California-based whitewater paddler Paul Gamache borrowed a friend's 14-foot Dagger Alchemy to paddle all 3,900 miles of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers on a record-shattering, 78-day source-to-sea of America's longest waterway. For one stretch of the journey, Gamache packed eight days worth of food and gear, including five gallons of water, into his pint-sized boat.

While Gamache's adventure pushed light touring to the extreme, the boats excel on more ordinary adventures. Jerry Nowak of Milwaukee has racked up dozens of them in his Necky Manitou 14: day-paddling on Lake Michigan, weekends on Northwoods rivers, and week-long trips on the rugged Canadian shore of Lake Superior.

"Consumers are turning away from the traditional 17- to 18-foot touring kayak in favor of shorter, sportier vessels," says David Hadden of Necky Kayaks. "These boats a can still handle a multi-day trip, but they provide a much better platform for shorter trips and after-work time on the water." Hadden knows of what he speaks. He recently traded his 18-foot touring boat for a 14-foot Manitou. "We all aspire to that long trip on the Maine coast, but family and work don't often afford that liberty," he says. "These shorter boats are better suited for convenient and realistic paddling trips."

BRIDGING THE GAP

Judging by sales volume, paddlers are quite happy with these pocket cruisers. "Fourteen feet and below is where the most volume is," says Hurricane Kayaks President Steve Jordan. His company's thermoformed Sojourn line of day-touring kayaks caters to both ends of the performance spectrum: initial stability for beginners and a multi-chine hull and expedition-ready features for more advanced paddlers.

Reduced weight is a big selling point for this class of boats.

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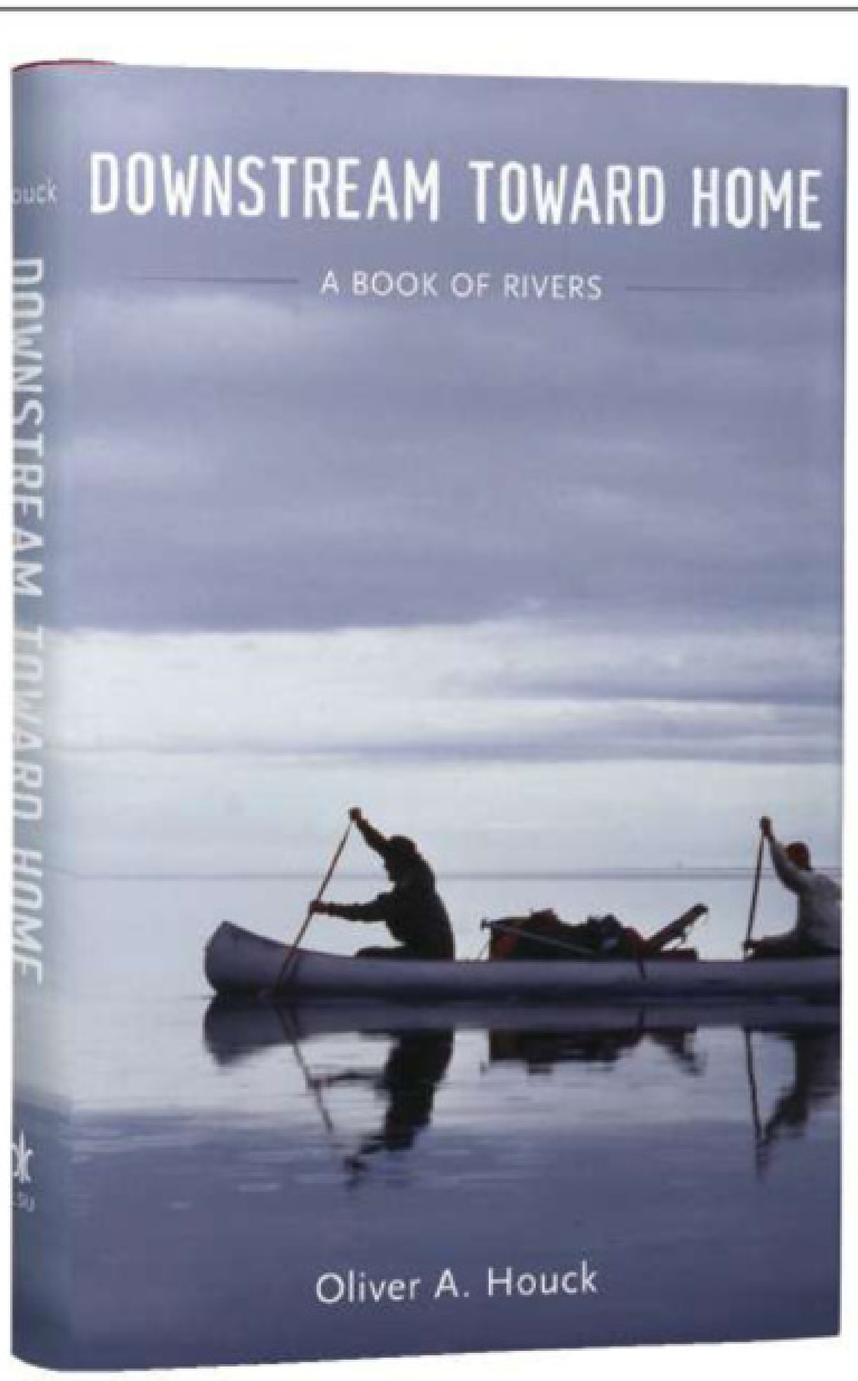
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Delta Kayaks, a pioneer in lightweight thermoformed plastic construction, this year debuts its new Delta 14, with a moderate V-shaped hull designed for stability and plenty of glide at cruising speed.

Riot also offers its popular Edge line in a thermoformed layup this year. Available in 11-, 13- and 14.5-foot lengths, the Edge is the quintessential light touring kayak: Compact, stable, but with enough performance features to grow with a paddler's skillset.

Meanwhile, Point 65 downsized its composite XO touring kayaks to develop a new line of roto-molded day-tourers, without subtracting features. Measuring 11 and 13 feet, respectively, the XO 11 and XO 13 include fore and aft hatches, svelte European styling and Point 65's customizable AIR seat.

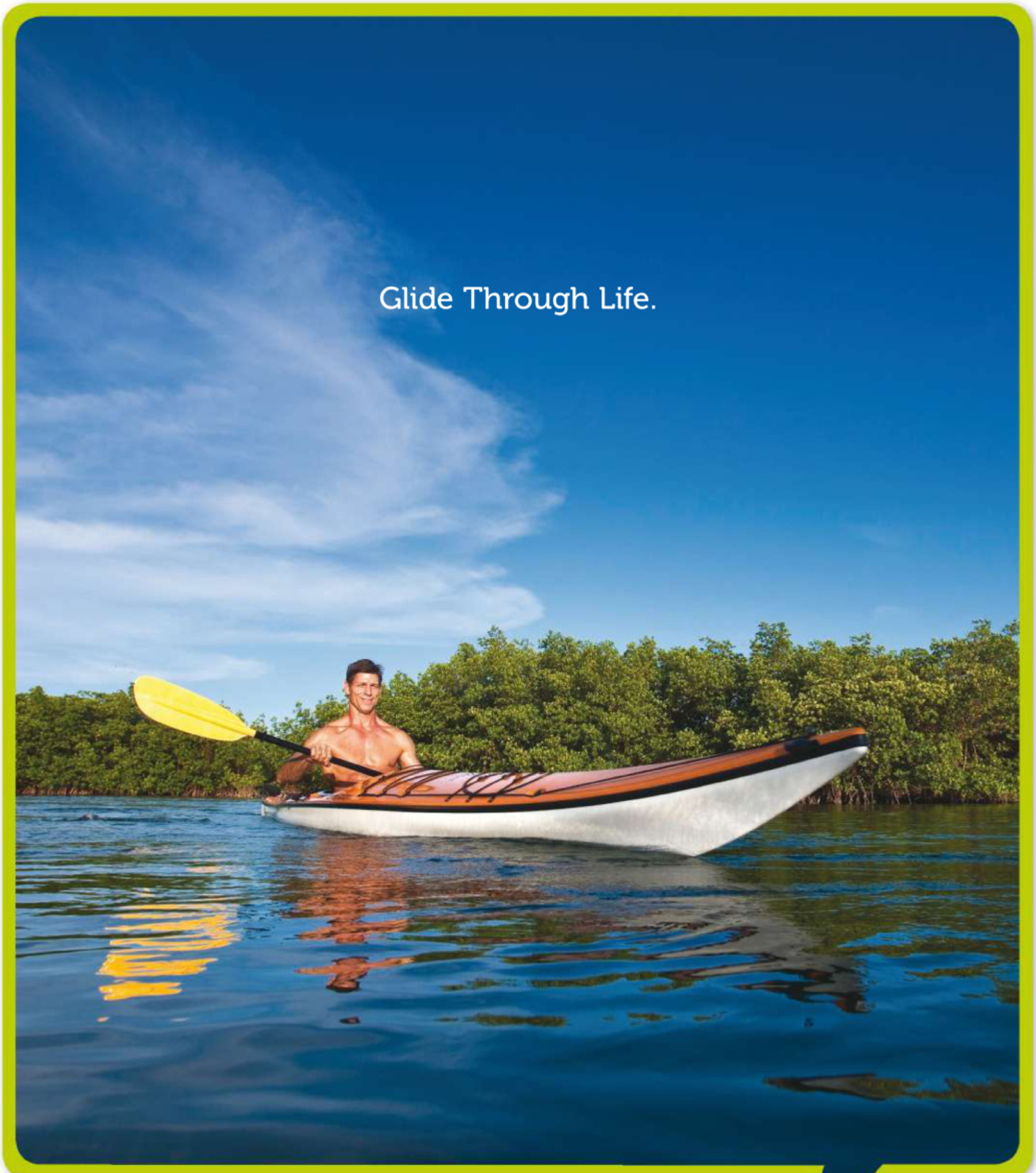
Even box-store kayaks are getting performance-oriented makeovers. A unique V-shaped hull injects the Emotion Envy 11 with a boost of speed. Pelican also stretched out its popular rec boat to create the eye-catching Intrepid 120X.

Britain's Venture Kayaks has added its unique "Skudder"—a combination skeg and rudder—to the 12- and 14-foot Islay models. Also entering the fray of roto-molded sub-14-foot touring options is New Wave Kayaks, an offshoot of Hurricane, debuting its Marvel line of streamlined, full-featured sit-insides.

Finally, touring kayak stalwart Current Designs downsized its ever-popular flagship Solstice expedition kayaks. The result is the Equinox, a sleek, mid-volume, 16-foot composite tourer boasting premium made-in-USA construction. The company also added performance-oriented skeg options to its shorter, sub-12-foot Vision line.

Aaron Schmidt

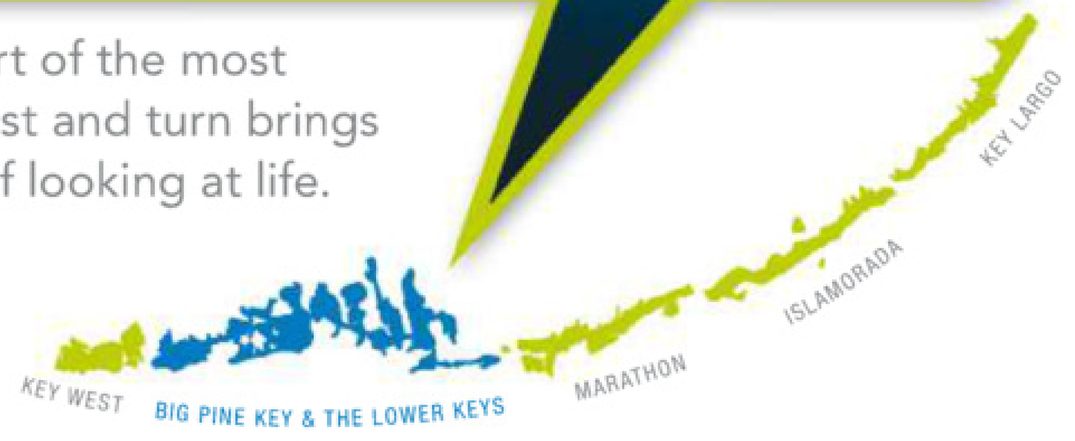




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LEFEVRE BELIEVER: Though he missed the K-1 podium, Lefevre's C-1 world title cemented his decorated legacy.

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THE FRENCH CONNEC-TION

WILL U.S. TRANSPLANT FABIEN LEFEVRE'S WORLD SLALOM TITLE REKINDLE AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE SPORT?

BY JOE POTOCZAK

From the finish line, the crowd sees nothing. Only the loudspeaker announcing Fabien Lefevre's name hints at the action unfolding higher on the course.

Who? The clock near the finish line displays the name Lefevre and next to it, "USA." Seconds begin tallying up on the clock as announcer Kent Ford describes Lefevre's final C-1 run, which is going very well indeed: the smooth strokes, the dance on the water. Then a faint murmur builds from the top of the course. Ford's voice grows in excitement, words thrown together faster as the murmur becomes a cheer growing louder, closer. The tidal wave moves through the course, spectators raising their arms as Lefevre appears at the upstream bend.

Lunging forward and back, he crashes through a hole, his boat knifing between green downstream markers and pivoting deftly through the red upstream gates. A riotous procession stampedes in his wake, carrying the Stars and Stripes high overhead. These are Lefevre's teammates, urging him forward. The mob howls.

The man in the canoe drives across the finish line and raises his fist, clutching from the air a moment to hold onto forever. Fabien Lefevre has won the world championship for Team USA.

"Freedom has no price." That is the motto of your new C-1 slalom world champion. The concise statement explains why Lefevre, a double Olympic medalist and six-time world champion with the powerful French team, now makes his home in the United States and its



Crede Calhoun

relatively anemic slalom program.

Freedom. The concept matters to any passionate paddler. At the end of the day, paddling is simply an individual pursuit of happiness. Lefevre felt stifled in his 10 years as a star of the French slalom juggernaut, despite winning a showcase full of medals and receiving lavish financial support. He wasn't happy as part of a machine, even one as well-oiled as the French national team. He needed a change.

"When you want to create, you have to have space," Lefevre says of his chosen art form, slalom racing. He found that space in the U.S. team, where coaches accept his decision to compete in both C-1 and K-1 as just that—his decision.

Lefevre feels welcome in the United States, where he is a legal U.S. resident. As such he is permitted to represent the United States at the world championships, but not the Olympic Games. He hopes to become an American citizen in time to represent his new country at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

In addition to his C-1 gold, Lefevre finished 10th in K-1, as his former French teammates swept the podium. Lefevre, 32, also competed in the C-1 and K-1 team events—a schedule that had him racing five times in one day. He's a team player, helping to build something—pushing the younger paddlers to success, and giving them the feeling of gold. "It is something I am happy to share with my teammates," he says, adding that his win, and Michal Smolen's U-23 K-1 world title earlier this summer, "reinforces the attitude of the national team to bring home results—to not feel small when we are racing in Europe."

"WHEN YOU WANT TO CREATE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SPACE"

– FABIEN LEFEVRE

Lefevre's C-1 title cements his place as one of the greatest slalom athletes of all time, with world championships in all three boat classes. It is the last piece of hardware in the trifecta, however—the one under the American banner—that could spark U.S. racing forward.

Lefevre's triumph was one of many highlights at the worlds, which also included Australian Jessica Fox becoming the first woman ever to win gold in both K-1 and C-1. And though hundreds of fans and volunteers lined the banks of the Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI), in McHenry, Maryland, to witness these feats, one couldn't help but notice some of the empty seats in the stands. One thing is still missing in U.S. slalom: American fans.

Building support is no small task, but results like Lefevre's and Smolen's certainly help. Winning breeds attention, and attention means media coverage. As it was in 1989, Olympic broadcaster NBC was on hand at this year's worlds. In October, the network aired a half-hour program about the worlds to 96 million households.

"We get to tell Fabien's American story," says USA Canoe/Kayak Executive Director Joe Jacobi. "A guy who gives up a great athletic support system in France, to come to America and embrace the true essence of American values. I think that's powerful," Jacobi says. Perhaps powerful enough to resonate with mainstream viewers, despite a media landscape that has become saturated in the last 25 years.

The other key piece of support is







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that of ordinary paddlers. The event was hosted in a whitewater mecca; the artificial ASCI course is on a mountaintop just minutes from the fabled Upper Youghiogheny. Despite tone-deaf scheduling that put the worlds' Saturday finals in direct competition with Gauley Fest, the kayaking community came to watch, cheer, volunteer and support. But for a race on the world stage—one that hasn't come to the United States in a quarter-century—there could have been more, many more. In America, the bridge between slalom racing and recreational whitewater needs rebuilding. Notable paddlers who pass between the two competitive worlds, like international creek racers Mike Dawson, Nouria Newman, and Vavra Hradilek, make an impact. They bring an appreciation for the honed slalom skills and the crossover effect they have on a paddler's river-running capabilities.

"You don't need to be a slalom racer to have the sport add some value to your happiness as a paddler," Jacobi argues. He speaks with pride of cheering on athletes who give up everything to compete full-time. These are everyday athletes who don't receive anything close to the high-dollar endorsements of mainstream professional athletes. They follow their passion for moving water, seeking a nearly impossible excellence and precision in the chaos of whitewater, dancing on the razor's edge between victory and defeat.

These are also athletes who are realistic about the reach of a single event.

There was never a guarantee that hosting the worlds would lead to more homegrown support for U.S. slalom racers, says American Casey Eichfeld, who competed here in both C-1 and C-2. He's standing with his C-2 partner, Devin McEwan. The pair smile and laugh, but when the question turns to the sport's development in the U.S., they go straight-faced.

For the time being, they do what they can. They spot a member of their team on the course, like Lefevre during his final run, and give their absolute support, chasing their teammates downstream, urging them to push themselves to the limit.

"There is a team camaraderie," McEwan says of a sport that looks from the outside like an individual pursuit. "A group of people drawn together by a similar interest. It's great to have them cheering." That common interest is something every paddler can understand: a passion for the water, and a connection to the people who share it.

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CAUGHT ON FILM? Eddy's Got Answers

HOW DO I RETRIEVE THE FOOTAGE FROM MY SMASHED GOPRO?

Eddy has a long history with point-of-view cameras, starting in the '90s when he filmed his rounds in the county canoe jousting championships by duct taping a camcorder in a Ziploc bag to his hockey helmet. For counterbalance, he taped a one-pound flask of Yukon Jack to the other side. Later, he pioneered "drones" by fitting his 8-year-old cousin Stan with the setup and shooing him into the girls' locker room at Big Lake Community College. (Eddy's drone-work also documented Alderman Stone's romance with Stan's mother, drastically altering the 1998 mayoral race.) So it's no surprise Eddy is all in on the POV craze. Last summer, when Operation Beaver Cam went terribly awry and Eddy had to wriggle into the lodge to retrieve his smashed, waterlogged camera, he turned to an outside specialist to retrieve the footage. "We get water-logged memory cards all the time," says David Zimmerman, president of data retrieval specialists LC Technology International. The company specializes in retrieving data from destroyed camera memory cards, and has even saved footage from burnt cards. "With the hard cases we usually take the cards apart to access the chip," he says. "If corroded, we'll soak the chip in an antioxidizing solution. It's a labor-intensive process." The company has about an 80 percent success rate with destroyed memory cards, says Zimmerman. The service costs a couple of hundred bucks, but, when you're talking about blackmail footage, that's just the cost of doing business.

WHAT'S EDDY'S FAVORITE WARM WEATHER PADDLING SPOT FOR WINTER?

Eddy can't support fleeing south during the winter like some wimpy snowbird, unless of course you paddle the whole way like Eddy's heroes Don Starkell or Verlen Kruger. What you ought to do this winter is hunker down in the shop, re-canvas your canoe and cook pemmican for next summer's expeditions. Stitch your coonskin cap GoPro mount so the guys at the Rendezvous don't call you "anachronistic" again. Not for you? Well then, how about a nice trip through the Houston Ship Channel? Don't mind the supertankers, canoes totally have the right-of-way. (*Editor's Note: This is false. According to the Coast Guard, the larger vessel always has the right-of-way in constrained waters like the channel.*) Practice your kayak rolls in Oklahoma's Grand Lake of the Cherokees. (*Canoe & Kayak cannot condone submersing oneself in Grand Lake of the Cherokees, which contains toxic blue-green algae.*) Head to the Everglades, lasso a manatee, and enjoy the tow out to the Florida Keys. (*Do NOT harass manatees. Those convicted of violating the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act of 1978 face a maximum fine of $500 and/or 60 days in jail.*)

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QUALITY THAT TRANSCENDS TIME

Perhaps that explains the skyrocketing popularity of European outdoor gear in North America. Whereas the big labels introduce flashy new products each year, manufacturers like Swedish axe-forger Gränsfors Bruk rely on a century of tradition. From the initials in the axe head (which, by the way, is honed to a razor's edge and fitted with an impeccable hickory handle) emerges a bond between builder and user—a rare experience in today's mass-produced world.

– Conor Mihell

TOTALLY SWEDE: Gränsfors' Small Forest Axe, available in North America through Lee Valley Tools (leevalley.com).

I HEART TREATED DOWN

Until 2012, sleeping under the stars felt like rolling the dice. A handful of nights each year I'd wake up freezing my ass off, because condensation had soaked into my puffy down sleeping bag and stolen its warm-making mojo. But in 2012, some geniuses developed treated down, treating those fuzzy little feathers with a magical coating that keeps them dry seven times longer, and keeps me warm in my sleeping bag. I have a pretty sensitive bullshit-o-meter when it comes to hype about new gear, but treated down won me over, sleeping out on countless river trips and bumping up against a wet tent wall during a three-day drencher. Now, it takes a full-on rainstorm to get me in a tent, and I will never go back to untreated down. — *Brendan Leonard*

IT'LL WARM YOUR DAYS, TOO: The Big Agnes Hole in the Wall jacket, with 700-fill Downtek treated down.

RETURN OF THE LONGBOAT

The Destination Torngat expedition wasn't your garden-variety whitewater mission. Here was a crew of paddlers exploring one of our planet's last great wildernesses using canoe routes pioneered decades ago. Instead of portaging around the many cataracts and waterfalls, however, they were charging straight over them. The team pioneered a new approach to river travel, made possible by a novel class of whitewater kayaks. The Torngat boys used **Jackson's Karma Unlimited** and **Liquidlogic's Remix XP**, but a half-dozen companies now make similar longboats: Eleven or 12 feet long, plenty of space for gear, lean lines that chew through the miles and handle big water rapids with ease. Most of us won't use boats like these to explore a chunk of northern Labrador the size of Maryland, but there's no better craft on the market today for a self-support on the Grand Canyon. – *Jeff Moag*

Photo: Ben Marr

THE OFF BUTTON ON MY PHONE

There's nothing quite like changing your voicemail greeting: Sorry, I'll be paddling out of cellphone range for the next week. Unavailable. Then you hold down the button and watch the digital world go dark. Unplugged.

I love that feeling. So why is everyone making it so hard to leave my phone behind?

First it was waterproof cases, then in-phone cameras good enough to replace the real thing. Next came waterproof VHF handsets like Cobra's Marine HH500 that link via Bluetooth to your smartphone, so you can make voice-activated calls even when your phone is stowed. No service? Just pair a two-way satellite device like DeLorme's inReach Explorer to your smartphone and you'll be sending and receiving texts, even updating your Facebook/Twitter feeds, from anywhere.

And, to my dismay, one of the coolest new products unveiled at the annual Outdoor Retailer show was an app.

An app! Well, an app connected to a pocket-sized antenna using long-range radio waves to text and share location with other **goTenna**-wielding paddling partners in range (a maximum of 50 miles depending largely on topography and elevation; more like 3-5 miles from the seat of your boat). No need for channels or cell coverage or satellite service plans, though, which helps your dispersed crew find the same camp at the end of the day, or, in any grid-crashed zombie apocalypse scenario.

Just hope your phone battery doesn't die. – *Dave Shively*



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At the risk of sounding like an infomercial, let us celebrate the wonders of the cast aluminum Dutch oven for camp cooking: It boils! It bakes! It fries! **GSI's** 10-inch model slides easily into a kayak hatch or canoe pack and feeds four, whether you're cooking on gas or fire. Add a teakettle or percolator and your pot set is complete. – *Conor Mihell*

BUGGING OUT

"Ahhhhhh, go away you stupid bug!" Paige shrieks and flails her arms, lurching the canoe to one side. Then come the words I've dreaded since the insects began swarming at the put-in: "I want to go home!" Two hours into a five-day trip around B.C.'s Bowron Lakes and my 9-year-old daughter is already losing her mind. I smile sympathetically, talk her back from the edge and the moment our bow touches the beach, I race to set up by **NEMO Bugout,** a tarp with water-resistant bug netting draped off the sides. Genius. Paige dives into the refuge, and I exhale. We're going to make it after all. At dinner the adults pile in to escape the swarms and eat in peace. And, later in the trip, when a thunderstorm turns to sideways rain we watch it from the dry confines of the tarp, sheets of water running down the netting. In all the years since, Paige hasn't ever asked to come home early again. – *Ryan Stuart*

Photo: Aaron Schmidt

WHEN OUNCES COUNT

People are always amazed when they see my Ultra-Light Dry Throw Bag by Wildwasser. It makes perfect sense: The bag that holds the rope is a drybag, so you don't have to carry the extra weight of a saturated rope. It's perfect for a run like the South Branch Feather here in California, where there's a portage that requires roping boats down a cliff, and a 1,000-vertical-foot hike out at the end. I certainly appreciate the weight (or lack of it) while crawling up that mountain. – *Darin McQuoid*



DRYSUIT MAGIC

The new **Kokatat Idol** has captured the Holy Grail of drysuit versatility—the two-piece suit. Thanks to an innovative 360-degree zipper system at the waist, the Idol functions as a full drysuit or as a drytop. It's easy to get on and off, and there's no need for a separate relief zipper. The **Stohlquist Shift** offers its own innovative approach to comfort: an integrated outer jacket that allows paddlers the option of shedding the neck gasket in calm conditions, or battening the hatches in rougher seas. The **Immersion Research 7Figure** takes a high-tech approach to comfort and performance, using a proprietary non-Teflon, waterproof-breathable poly laminate that IR says is drier and more durable than previous fabrics. **Bomber Gear** also debuts a new material this year in its **Palguin** drysuit, with an outer shell made from Polartec's waterproof-breathable NeoShell. This sophisticated fabric promises lighter weight and enhanced breathability thanks to a super-fine lattice structure that repels water but allows air to flow more easily through the laminate. All well and good, but what about the number-one complaint we hear about drysuits, namely that they cost too damn much? **Mythic Gear** is on the case. "I realized that every existing drysuit was better than it had to be for most paddlers," says president Bob Holtzman. "I decided to try to offer a basic drysuit that does only what a drysuit is supposed to do: keep you dry and safe." Stripping it to the essentials, manufacturing in China and selling direct to paddlers online allows Mythic to price its two drysuits, the **Sobek** and **Enki Relief** at $250 and $325, respectively. – *RS*



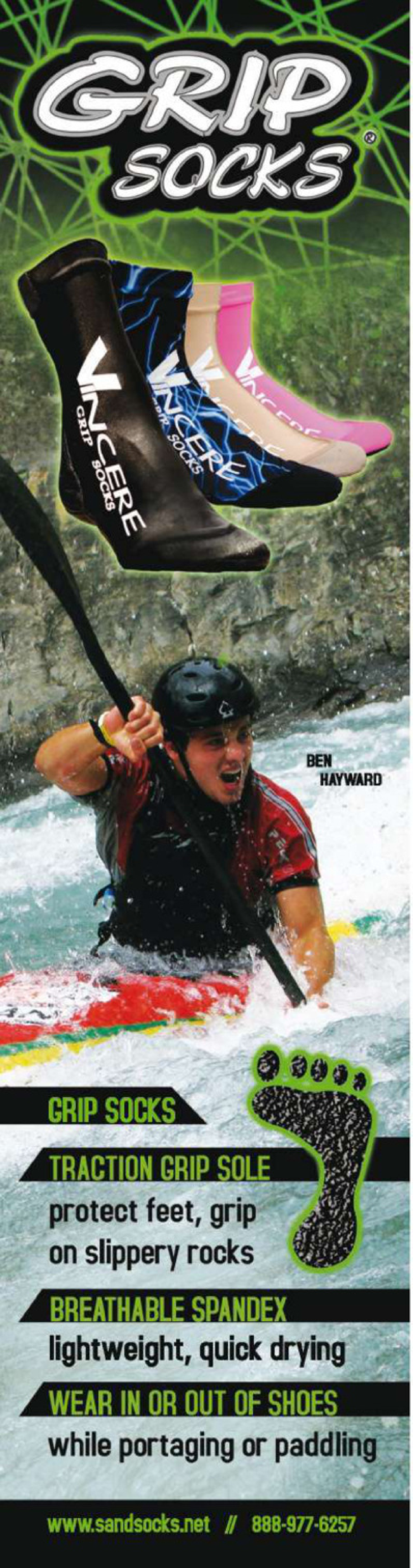
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THE GEAR YOU MAKE

"When you hand-make your own gear, it becomes yours, and you become your kayak."

— Mike Livingston, a Sand Point, Alaska police officer who is reviving the Aleut's kayak-building traditions. (Read Livingston's story at CanoeKayak.com.)

Photo: Kiliii Fish



THE DO-EVERYTHING JACKET

The last thing I did before I left Maine was cash in a half-used gift card at the L.L.Bean outlet store. I was headed to the Yukon later that week and I needed a jacket. For $19, I walked away with a sharp crimson scrap of ripstop—hood, front-zip, pockets. Seven years later, it's faded to a rusty peach and sports a mess of sutures on the shoulder seam and sleeves. A gale used to play on the fabric with a crinkle and snap, now the tissue-thin nylon ripples without a sound. It has four continents and about 1,200 days on it: New Zealand sun, Mongolian wind, Uzbek sand, Arctic cold. Packing for the next evolution, I don't even think twice. I'd lose track of the 'Take' pile if I didn't see that wisp of faded red on top. *– Zand Martin*



Photo: Bria Schurke



THROW OFF THE YOKE

Listen, I've paid my dues. For years, I shouldered 70 pounds of Royalex and trotted down the trail, only to turn right around and fetch my packs. Now I leave the hard work to somebody with more to prove. Because hoisting a canoe overhead isn't the lark it once was, and now I don't have to. These days, I use a portage cart and make one trip–boats, packs, paddles and all–in relative ease. After all, I've got nothing left to prove, and decades of comfortable canoe tripping to look forward to

– Alan Kesselheim

OMNI-UNDERWEAR

They may not look sexy on his hairy bod, but sea kayak guide Paul LaPerriere doesn't care. So when it comes to what to wear under his wetsuit, as a bathing suit, underwear on a minimalist trip and, yes, even, horseback riding attire, the choice is obvious: a sunga. The bathing trunks of choice for Brazilian men, the sunga resembles a pair of boxer briefs made from Speedo material. A soft, supportive lining holds things just right: snug, lots of breathability and no fabric bunching. They slip through the water and dry fast. "I can't see myself ever going back to boardshorts," says LaPerriere. "150 million Brazilians can't be wrong." – *RS*

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OLD SCHOOL

The spicy aroma of spar varnish on a cedar-canvas canoe pervades my days. On the river it wafts from the hull. The tang grows more pungent when I flip the canoe overhead to portage, and even when the canoe is put away for the night the scent lingers in the campsite. I'm delighted by this smell as much as I'm rapt with the rhythm of traveling with my beautiful Chestnut Prospector—the way it cuts through the water and comes alive in rapids, balances on my shoulders, commands admiring gazes from all angles, and, most importantly, focuses my care and attention.

The same goes for my homemade wooden grub box—a "wannigan" in tripper-speak—and canvas tent, which heats up like a sauna when its sheet metal stove glows red on an autumn night. This is practical gear, comfortable and not too heavy when properly made. A Swedish axe produces firewood, clears portages and imbues a sense of invincibility: With it I could carve a new paddle if things go sideways. I cook over an open fire—another sensory experience. – *CM*

"PART OF ME THINKS I CAN'T USE THIS STUFF BECAUSE IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. BUT THAT'S THE POINT—TO USE IT."

— Peter Marshall, who traveled for 50 days across Labrador using a wooden canoe, homemade boots and other throwback gear.



CLOSED CASE

My favorite piece of gear is a yellow **Pelican 1500** case I carried everywhere during my 45-day through-paddle on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail trip. Sure, I love the peace of mind that comes with coddling my cameras in an ultra-waterproof hard case. But the best thing is it doubles as my campsite seat. It's gotten me into trouble, too. One fellow in New Hampshire threatened to shoot me if I set foot on his land. It seems surveyors also like to carry their gear in Peli cases, and the guy naturally assumed I was working for the power company trying to run a transmission line across his property. Still, I'll take a few rough encounters so long as I've got a comfortable seat after a long day on the water. – *Mike Lynch*



SPOON CRUSHES SPORK

I'm glad you love your $10 titanium spork, but I'm all set over here with my cheap plastic spoon. It does exactly what I need it to do, which is move delicious camping food into my mouth like a tiny shovel. It's simple, and perfect. Is your spork a good fork? Right. Not a good spoon either, is it? Yeah. My spoon is good at one thing, instead of sucking at two things. I'm not stabbing romaine lettuce out here. – *BL*

PACKING MORE

I can feel the judgment when they spot my stack of books. Ultra-light and sanctimonious, they pass me off as a Tilley-hat type, lost to the past. Screw 'em. I look forward all day to stretching out in the tent, warm and dry, and falling in to a bit of narrative. I'm not worried about the weight; I'm worried I'll read through my whole stash. An emergency *New Yorker* tucked in with the maps is as important as the spare sat-phone battery: You hope it won't come to that, but you're glad you have it. Sure, you can read for a month on the cheapest Kindle snapped in a $3 Tupperware, but books are more reliable, and just feel better. Besides that, how can you truly explore a place without reading about its culture and past? Olson in the Boundary Waters, Thoreau in Maine, McPhee in Alaska, Fermor in Europe. Without books, you're missing a piece. – *ZM*



CIRCLING BACK

IN 1970 DOUG WOODWARD PADDLED HIS HOMEMADE KAYAK THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON. THOUGH HE CONTINUED TO RUN RIVERS OVER THE NEXT FOUR DECADES, HE NEVER EXPECTED TO FEEL THE WHITEWATER OF THE COLORADO AGAIN.

HIS SON FOREST WOULD CHANGE THAT OUTLOOK.

PHOTOS & WORDS BY FOREST & DOUG WOODWARD

FOREST

When I was younger we ran rivers as a family. I would hunt for fossils, smashing open rocks at each camp in the hope of discovering the remnants of a time very long ago. The results were varied, and I am not sure which I enjoyed more—breaking open the rocks, or finding the frozen remains of the small sea creatures that lived billions of years ago. Certainly the smashing of things was easier for me to understand.

Now, some 20 years later, I am still searching for pieces of the past. Not the prehistoric past, but a more recent time. A time when Dad was young. I feel under-qualified for this, despite my work with boulders in earlier years. Dad's history is delicately layered, like loam that settles on a forest floor to be peeled back carefully in sheets, sometimes crumbling in my hands, but often revealing hidden pockets of life below the weathered surface. And in these layers, between stories of times past and chapters closed, is the life force that sustains the old oak, that gives shelter to the sapling; it is the soil in which I too am rooted.

When I was born, Dad was 50. Half a century of life well-lived, full of mistakes, triumphs, surprises, and joyous moments. Moments lived by him, but passed on through thought and action to us, his children. I am my own man, with my own moments to shape me now, but I cannot deny the extent to which my life is rooted in the soil of my father's history. That is why I want to see more of what lies beneath the surface—to better understand him. To better understand myself.

DOUG

It's an experience I'll never forget. The monstrous eddy with its boils, whirlpools and a world that seems impossible to escape. The fear of falling into its interminable grip, my kayak sucked into the spinning vortex. The exhilaration of riding power beyond control. The relief of finally crossing the eddy-wall into the smooth downstream current.

I remember the eddy, the day and the feeling, but know I'll never return. Life moves on like the river. New reaches.



This retired schoolbus somehow carried a group of Maryland paddlers and their boats to the Grand Canyon and back. Here it pauses between breakdowns at Zion N.P.

New challenges. Then suddenly, 43 years later, the impossible happens. There is a break in the eddy-fence, the lateral waves relax for a split second, and I'm on my way back—accepting my son Forest's invitation to run the Grand Canyon.

I kayaked the Canyon in July of 1970, well before Forest was born and private boaters began waiting decades for a permit. This time it would be different. Twenty-eight days, November into December. Fifteen of us in four kayaks and six 18-foot rafts. Under the leadership of David Marx, a veteran of the Colorado River, the group would be long on experience and skill. At 77, I would be the oldest, easily twice the age of almost anyone else on the trip. Forest, at 27, would be the youngest.

This trip would be quite a contrast to my first. In the winter of 1969, when our group of teens became obsessed by the idea of running the Colorado, very few had run the river and only a handful by kayak. Our head guide, Kenton Grua, was just breaking into the business with Ted Hatch. The fiberglass kayaks we paddled on the Colorado were all products of our own basement workshops, and they made Kenton nervous until he saw that we could reliably roll them.

There were no groovers. We did our business in the sand and sealed it with a rock. Campfires were open, built wherever we chose. We drank straight from the river, silt and all. There were no self-bailing rafts. Sunscreen was unknown. Human use of the Canyon in those times was light and the continuing pristine appeal of a campsite depended entirely on our own environmental consciousness.

We mourned the loss of Glen Canyon, whose beauty and hidden places now lay under the dead waters of Lake Powell, which had reached full pool only three years earlier. We were incensed by the seemingly unstoppable plans for the Marble and Bridge Canyon dams in Grand Canyon.

But the dams *were* stopped. Voices such as Martin Litton, Edward Abbey and Katie Lee played a major role. Our own awareness and activism might have made a small difference too, as members of our group became guides on rivers from the New in West Virginia to California's American. Others would return to guide Litton's dories through the Canyon.

I am my own man, but I cannot deny the extent to which my life is rooted in the soil of my father's history. – Forest



Doug Woodward in 2013 and 1970.



FOREST

Growing up in the mountains of western North Carolina—where my folks had moved to start a wilderness education company in the early '80s—all of us kids learned to kayak in old fiberglass boats around the same time we could walk. Some of my earliest memories are of kayaking. My parents are skilled whitewater boaters, and the fact that we were raised within an hour's drive of some of the best rivers in the country (the Nantahala, Ocoee, Chattooga, and Tallulah to name a few) was no coincidence. As I grew older, I moved away from the rivers and the mountains, spending progressively more time in cities or abroad pursuing a career in photography.

In June of 2012, unbeknownst to me, my river hiatus was nearing an end. I got a phone call from my friend David Marx asking me to fill a spot on his crew for a 28-day winter trip down the Grand Canyon. I said yes, asked if my dad could come too, and a year and some months later I found myself in the bow of a raft watching, with a big grin shared between us, as Dad rowed a perfect line through Hermit, one of the major rapids on the river. Dad and I captained one of the rafts, and together grew stronger and closer. Getting to see him back in the Canyon in his element, at 77 years of age, on a river that was so transformative for him

in 1970, and that still had the power to revitalize him now … well, that was incredible.

We found out a week before our trip that on the day we launched, the NPS would be releasing a flow of 37,000 cfs from Glen Canyon Dam. This is quite a jump from the usual winter release of 5,000-8,000 cfs. As we camped at Lee's Ferry, the water began to rise quickly, and an already powerful and intimidating river morphed from a slow green serpent into a brown thundering bull. We set camp early that evening, pitching tents as high above the rising water as we could. Through the night we watched as the water rose some eight feet, taking turns pulling the boats up and dragging them higher into the brush so as not to find them tied to a submerged tree out in the main channel by morning. The adventure had started.

DOUG

HORN CREEK RAPID: JULY 1970

One moment Kenton was in complete control of the huge motor rig as it plunged into Horn Creek Rapid. In the blink of an eye—and flash of an exploding wave—he was gone. Then, in what seemed an interminable moment from our scouting rock, we saw him crawl back to the stern, blood streaming down his face, regain control and turn the huge raft into the last eddy.

Frank, Carl and I quickly climbed into our kayaks and took the left line through Horn without incident. Kenton lay on the steering platform of his raft while Eunice, our nurse, worked to repair his injuries. He was diagnosed with a concussion and badly bruised arm. Eunice bandaged a gash on his forehead. After being watched carefully all night, Kenton was given the green light to continue.

(Kenton Grua was our head guide on the Colorado River in 1970, working for Hatch River Expeditions. He would soon switch to dories, guiding for Martin Litton and becoming one of the best dory pilots in the Canyon, where he was known as "The Factor." In 1983, rowing his custom-made dory, The Emerald Mile*, with two other guides and the Colorado roaring at more than 70,000 cfs, Kenton set a new speed record for a Grand Canyon descent.)*



Trip leader David Marx prepares his raft for a high-water camp. Authorities released 37,000 cfs from Glen Canyon Dam during the group's first five days in the canyon.



A futile effort to dry laundry between rain showers at Racetrack Campsite.

FOREST

HORN CREEK RAPID: NOVEMBER 2013

Scrambling high above the river, polished schist slick beneath my wet feet, I pause, pressed close against the canyon wall. The sound does not come again. But I am no less certain of what I heard. Guttural and lonely, primal air forced in distress from human lungs, the sound cuts through the thundering roar of Horn Creek Rapid below. Either the demon spirits that the Hopi believe rule the canyon have awoken, or Spanky and Dr. Al are in trouble. Maybe both.

Moments earlier, as I scrambled along a low cliffband above the rapid, I had paused to watch as Spanky set his oars to churning, bending them like flimsy vaulter's poles against the tremendous force of the accelerating current. Then the powerful green tongue funneling from behind the horns hit them, a cold indifferent current pushing their raft toward the two exploding holes that would surely flip the raft should they hit them broadside. Then they were gone, disappearing out of my line of sight in a frothing tangle of watery haymakers.

"You'll cruise through the upper section with the high water, but if you don't make it to Horn with the bubble … well she's gonna be full of piss and vinegar at low water," veteran Grand Canyon outfitter Donnie Dove had warned us 10 days ago, well before most of us could really comprehend what piss and vinegar would look like on this river. "I've seen the bottom hole snap a dory in half at that level" he had said. Now we were beginning to understand.

Scrambling back to the bottom of the rapid I was amazed to see all six of the boats right side up. The Horn and Hopi spirits had left Spanky nursing a dislocated shoulder (which he had reduced immediately), but otherwise he was fine.



Boats have changed, but kayakers will always enjoy a good surf. Doug Woodward in 1970, and Tim Agee in 2013.

DOUG

LAVA FALLS: JULY 1970

The anticipation of the unknown—Lava Falls—has us all on edge, particularly the three of us in kayaks. The morning of flatwater leading up to the rapid demands no concentration and lets our imagination run wild, creating an uneasiness in the gut. Then we're there. Over an hour of scouting, from both river-left and river-right, does nothing to relieve the queasy feeling.

I'll take the first run. There is no road map, not even a word of experience to draw from. The several kayakers that I know have come this way before have either carried around or bumped down the rocky, shallow left side.

Damn! The entry point should have been more precise in my mind! I can't really scout from the cockpit, I realize, as I glide toward the lip of Lava. Quickly I'm in it, punching one hole, then being eaten by the next, which pops my skirt and pulls my butt out of the boat. I jam my legs back into place and roll up next to the huge abrasive rock, the kayak filled with water. It's an exhausting effort, but I finally paddle the submarine across the eddyline to safety.

Carl decides to carry his kayak around. Frank, who has carefully watched my run, adjusts his line a foot to the right of mine and makes a perfect run, completely disappearing at times. The rafts, with the help of oars and lines, scrape over the rocks near the left shore, passengers walking.

There is much sadness among our group tonight, as we realize it is our last night on the river. We form a back-rubbing circle around the fire and join voices in "Mariah," "Scarborough Fair," "Bonnie & Clyde" and other wistful songs.

(Five days after our 1970 trip ended, Walt Blackadar, the river-running surgeon from Salmon, Idaho would arrive for his first run of the Canyon. He too, was game for the heavy right side of Lava – rolling on each attempt – but as far as we know, we were the first.)





STYLE GUIDE: **Boatman Jack Williams rocks cutoffs and a Sierra Club cup in 1970; in 2013, Morgan Sadler demonstrates style of his own with this tightrope line through Lava Falls.**

FOREST

LAVA FALLS: NOVEMBER 2013

We push off from Upper Cove sometime around noon, rowing in silence, admiring the shafts of light that have found their way through the ragged cliff to the river below. At Vulcan's Anvil, Dad places our offering to Vulcan, a brilliant red and black striped rock, asking for safe passage through Lava Falls.

Then we are there, all of us, perched on a giant hunk of basalt overlooking a chaos of surging waves, twisting currents and frothing pour-over holes and ledges. It is the most intimidating stretch of whitewater I have ever seen, heard, felt and feared. Hands tucked stoically in life jackets or shading eyes for a better view, we exchange doubts and hopes from our high vantage point. Dad walks, slowly, carefully, quietly to sit alone at the end of the rapid on a boulder as near to the great crashing currents as he can get. He wants so badly to run Lava with me, yet he also wants this opportunity to photograph each of the runs as they pass.

As the winter sun dips below the canyon rim, we re-enter our kayaks and rafts, paddles and oars clenched in death grips as we charge the drop, one by one. Following a near perfect run by the kayakers, trip leader David enters in the first raft, gliding down the tongue,

straight and fast. Plunging into the second surging V-hole, he disappears for a moment. Then, as if launched by some volcanic geyser, the bow explodes upwards, a cascade of brown water surging off the blue tubes and tightly lashed piles of gear, plowing downriver to meet the standing wave-hole. With a boxer's ominous grace the wave coils back, loaded like a spring from hell, groomed high and sleek by a downstream wind. Its muddy fist crashes with sudden fury into the oncoming raft, pushing back and down, denying passage for a split second before laughing, shrugging its dark frothing shoulders and sending David and his craft gliding down his back. Another foaming trough, a few strong pulls, and he is safe in the eddy below. The next five rafts, mine included, ride the falls in similar fashion, accompanied by our cheers of growing excitement.

All of this Dad watches, often smiling, from his riverside perch. Later, around camp, it's rumored that he was waving a magic wand up there above the rapid, making the Falls have the size she had appeared from above, and granting us safe passage. Dad just chuckles, and nods as he gazes into the crackling driftwood fire, his thoughts swirling back upstream through the eddies of time.

"I've seen the bottom hole snap a dory in half at that level" Donnie had said way back in Flagstaff. Now we were beginning to understand.



RIVER LIFE: **A sunset leap with Diamond Peak in the background. Below, trip leader David Marx's hands showing some river mileage on Day 25.**



FOREST

NEW SHADY GROVE CAMP: NOVEMBER 2013

Granite for breakfast, Hermit for lunch, and a big gulp of Crystal to wash it all down. Today was our biggest day so far as we ran the Crazy 8s in rapid succession. Granite was a rollercoaster—pure fun. So was Hermit. I asked Dad, as we stood scouting above Hermit, if he wanted to row this one for old times' sake. His eyes lit up behind his bifocals as he answered, "Yes. Yes indeed!"

Twenty-one years ago, shortly after my sixth birthday, Dad asked me a similar question as we stood above Nantahala Falls. Do you want to kayak it? "Yes," I answered. It seemed the logical conclusion to our father-son day on the Nantahala River, and in my 6-year-old mind the prospect of running the rapid was more appealing than that of carrying my heavy boat around.

Dad answered me with caution, "You know, the Falls is bigger than it looks from up here."

I contemplated the rapid a moment longer with that in mind, unclear of what it meant. Later, after I ran it and capsized, experiencing the terrifying muted roar of the river from within, and swam to shore, I understood better.

In the years to come, I paddled a number of the big rivers in the East—the Gauley, Overflow Creek, Tallulah Gorge—and though, surprisingly, I never again swam on those rivers. I also never fully left behind the fear that poured in through my ears, nose and mouth that day on the Nantahala.

When I asked Dad today if he wanted to run Hermit, and if he knew it would be bigger and faster once we were in it, I let go of more than just the oars. I let go of that fear I had carried with me these last 21 years. I put my trust back in Dad, in the river, and opened a door to trusting in myself and my whitewater skills.

I sat in the bow, facing Dad as he maneuvered the raft

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■ *By Mike Misselwitz*





Home(r) Stretch: Outen and Curgenven on the 101st day of their 1,500-mile Aleutian traverse. Photo by Scott Dickerson

Sarah at Sea: The route was fraught with many long exposed crossings. Photo: Curgenven

Sarah Outen was in a rowboat halfway across the Pacific Ocean when she made the call. The 29-year-old British adventurer had already crossed more than half the globe by kayak, bicycle and ocean-going rowboat. But the Japan-to-North America leg of her human-powered trip around the world was not going to plan. As persistent winds drove her little craft north, Outen realized she would not be landing in cosmopolitan Vancouver, British Columbia, as she'd intended, but rather Adak Island at the western end of the Aleutian chain.

So, somewhere in the middle of the North Pacific, Outen dialed her friend and kayaking coach Justine Curgenven on the sat phone. Did Curgenven fancy a 1,500-mile kayak trip from Adak to the nearest main road, where Outen could continue her round-the-world trip by bicycle?

"Justine went silent when I asked her the question," Outen says. "She drew in a long breath and said, 'I'm not saying no, but this is going to be the most challenging sea kayaking expedition either of us has ever been on.'"

Those were sobering words coming from Curgenven, who is among the world's most accomplished expedition paddlers. Ultimately, the Welsh kayaker and filmmaker chose to embrace the challenge, and together the women began planning their kayak route along the Aleutians. It would be the first of its kind in documented history.

On May 5, 2014, Outen and Curgenven launched from Adak in






Photo: Dickerson


Photo: Curgenven

fully laden sea kayaks bound for Homer, a small fishing town on the Alaskan mainland, some 1,500 miles east. The route included dozens of long crossings between islands in the Aleutian archipelago, which stretch like steppingstones from Alaska almost to the Asian continent.

"The island chain acts like a strainer between the North Pacific and the Bering Sea," says Rob Avery, an Alaskan expedition veteran. "Between most islands are tide races which have to be timed to cross safely. Paddling skills, navigation and seamanship must be spot-on."

The task called for mastery, but Outen's kayaking experience hardly complies with the theory of 10,000 hours. Prior to starting her human-powered circumnavigation two and a half years ago, she was a novice paddler. Still, she had proven her mettle at sea—notably rowing across the Indian Ocean in 2009—and with Curgenven's help she progressed rapidly from greenhorn to skilled sea kayaker.

In April 2011, Outen began her around-the-world adventure beneath London's Tower Bridge, kayaking with Curgenven down the River Thames and across the English Channel to France. From there, Outen continued alone, cycling more than 10,000 miles across 10 countries to Russia's remote Far East.

Reunited with Curgenven, Outen began the first real sea kayak expedition of her life, a difficult 1,000-mile journey from Siberia to Japan via the remote Sakhalin Island. In Japan, Outen traded her

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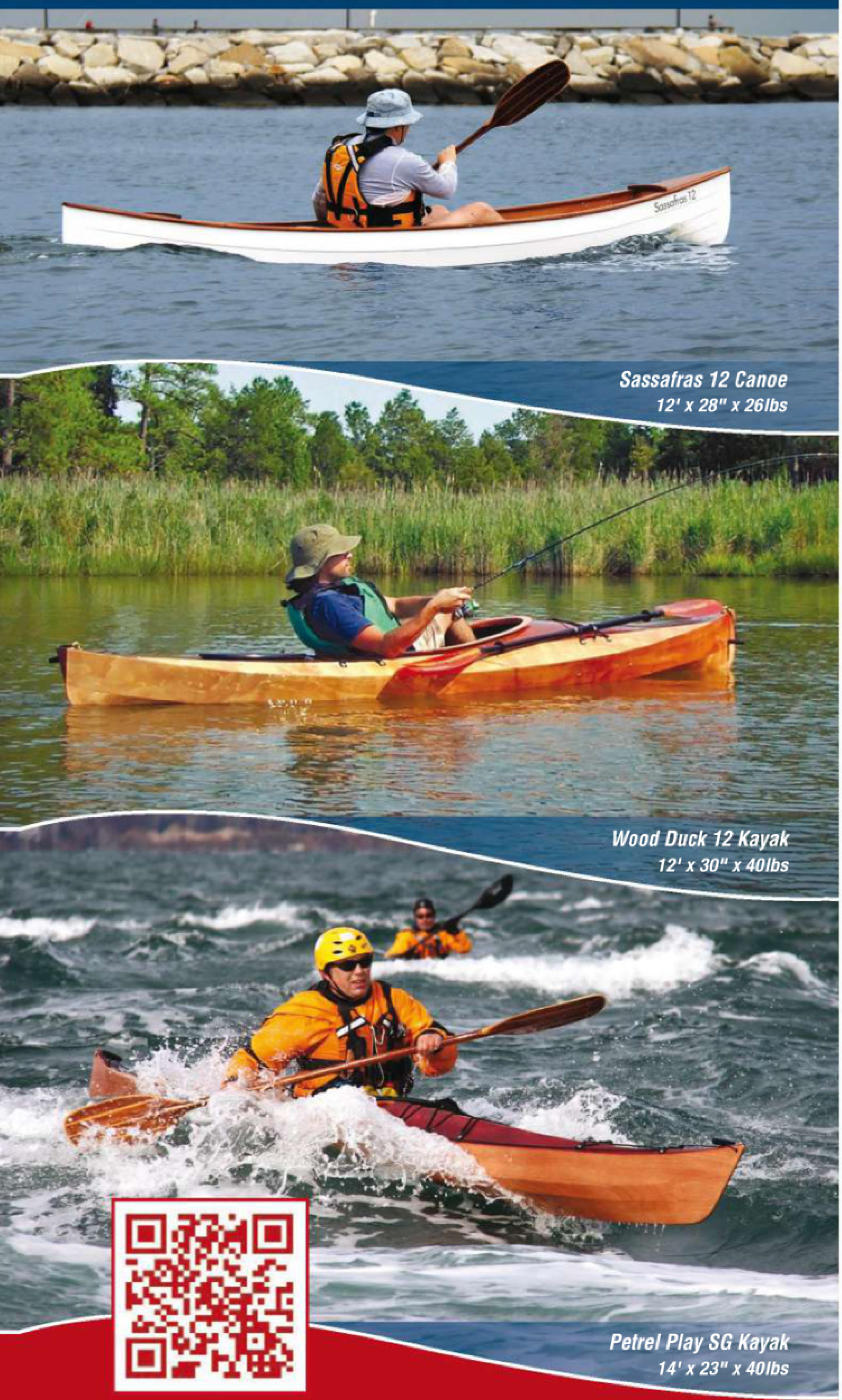
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kayak for an ocean-going rowboat and struck out east toward Canada in May 2012. Some 560 miles offshore she ran into Typhoon Mawar, a cyclone packing 130-mph gusts, and accepted a rescue from the Japanese Coast Guard. She went home to regroup, and set out from Japan again the following spring, landing in Adak after 150 days at sea.

Then it was back to the U.K. to prepare for the Aleutians. "We spent a winter training before the Alaskan leg," Outen says. "It felt like endless hours practicing rough-water handling." Despite Outen's lack of experience, Curgenven says she was confident in her partner's stamina and positive attitude.

As the veteran paddler Curgenven's strategy and decision-making abilities were a critical component of their success.

"A lot of people told me this trip was impossible," Curgenven said. "But my theory is that nothing's impossible. You just need to be patient with conditions and tactical about safety. And, when you're out there with no help for hundreds of miles, there's a little luck involved, too."

The duo spent most of their Alaskan experience in relative solitude, with only their boats, each other and wildlife for company. At points they were more than 800 miles from the nearest Coast Guard station.

"The sense of solitude in the Aleutians is immense," Avery says. "Looking south, the next landfall is New Zealand. That's a lot of ocean."

The exposure was very real,

Curgenven says, due primarily to the remoteness and lack of reliable information about the crossings. "One of the longest crossings, between Seguam and Amutka islands, was 37 miles with no published information about the currents," Curgenven says. "Our longest distance without resupply was 250 miles."

Outen and Curgenven spent 37 of 101 days hunkered down under heavy rain and wind. When the weather did clear, they would push for 12 or 16 hours at a time to make the most of cooperative conditions. Between the atrocious weather and the grueling pace, the women enjoyed remote hot springs and snowcapped volcanoes. They encountered massive bears, sea lions, seals and a multitude of other wildlife.

"Alaska is now my favorite place in the whole world," says Outen. "It is sublime on so many levels. I feel super lucky for my experiences there, even with the challenges."

Looking south, the next landfall is New Zealand. That's a lot of ocean.

Outen and Curgenven made landfall in Homer on August 14, where they celebrated with locals and well-wishers at the Salty Dog Saloon. After a quick trip home to visit her fiancé, Outen spent a week in Homer gearing up to cycle across North America.

"I began cycling out of Homer on August 30, and made it to Canada in two weeks and two days," Outen told *C&K* in mid-September. "Now I'm turning south toward the U.S., aiming to make about 50 miles a day while in the mountains."

Outen's next major milepost will be New York. From there, she'll row home to London. She hopes to complete her journey by September 2015, but not before raising funds for the many charities her mission supports.

"My goal is to raise 100,000 pounds sterling for the charities I'm supporting," Outen said. "But I'm also doing this for women, the LGBT community and the equal rights movement now. This trip has taken on far more meaning than I originally imagined. It's not just my journey anymore."

To donate, and to track Outen's progress, visit sarahouten.com and follow @SarahOuten on Twitter. To keep tabs on Curgenven, visit cackletv.com and follow her @CackleTV on Twitter.

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Designed for the kayak angler, this kayak has great stability, multi-layer material, and multiple air chambers; providing maximum durability. Its removable Accessory Frame allows anglers to customize the kayak with aftermarket accessories. Among other features, it also has a high back seat with rod holders.



AIRFUSION™ ELITE

$899.99

POLYESTER, PVC, ALUMINUM / INFLATABLE / SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

The AirFusion™ Elite is designed to rival the performance and speed of skin-on-frame kayaks while simplifying the setup procedure. Its unique award winning design features a streamlined high-performance frame system; creating a quick and nimble kayak that tracks like a hard-shell.

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GREG RAMP

PRESIDENT AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 57 / YEARS PADDLING: 42 / YEARS DESIGNING: 31

HOW DID YOU GET INTO PADDLING? I started paddling in open canoes with the Scouts. In 1983 I began making inflatable kayaks in my garage in 1983, and started welding boats in 1986. I moved to Idaho to work as Maravia's vice-president of design in 1986. Two years later, I co-founded AIRE.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. Strength, performance, serviceability and value. Performance sells our boats, but they also have to be affordable and have a big warranty.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RIVER? The Middle Fork of the Salmon. It's a beautiful multi-day trip that's a lot of fun in IKs, though I'm usually rowing a gear raft.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE AIRE? The Lynx 1. If I'm doing seven days on the Middle Fork, that's the boat I want. It's comfortable and quick.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED DESIGN? Through creating truly high-performance inflatable kayaks, raft-shaped kayaks like the Puma series, and our air-cell system. Also, I created system on our modeling software that lets us accurately fit our Gaussian (continuous) curve and mitering systems together.

DESIGN PROCESS: We use surface modeling software that includes hydrodynamic tensile stress testing and has a compound plate expansion to flatten the surfaces and create flat patterns. We then import this into a two-dimensional CAD system that allows us to add attachments and seam allowances. All our boats are cut by CNC process. Then we take them out and test them on the Main or South Fork Payette in summer, or Snake River in the winter.

YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? It's a challenge to improve on what's already out there, which is what we need to do to keep our models fresh and keep interest in them since they can last over 20 years. The other challenge is manufacturing them efficiently enough so people can actually afford to buy them.

TRIBUTARY FOURTEEN HD

$2,699 *5 SIZES $1599-$2999*
PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *14'3"* / **WIDTH** - *28"* / **WEIGHT** - *38 LBS.*
AIRE Tributary Raft Series is getting a new look and new fabric. Tributary has always been about affordable performance and AIRE is more committed to that than ever. The redesigned Tributary rafts still feature sporty designs and our tough PVC and Urethane AI-REcell system, but have noticeably lower price tags.



CHARGAIRE

$1,399
PVC / SUP / SOLO
LENGTH - *10'10"* / **WIDTH** - *37.5"* / **WEIGHT** - *30 LBS.*
The ChargAIRE has a small inflatable collar which makes it an extremely stable board for fishing or charging whitewater. AIRE matched the size and stability of this board with tons of gear attachment points so you can bring fishing gear and equipment for an overnight trip.



SABERTOOTH

$2,749
PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *12'5"* / **WIDTH** - *68.5"* / **WEIGHT** - *80 LBS.*
The Sabertooth is an R2 animal! It features a frameless design, quick draining mesh floor with knee protection, built in foot cups and lots of kick for eating up whitewater. With 4 handles positioned in the bow and stern and weighing only 80lbs., two people can easily transport the Sabertooth.



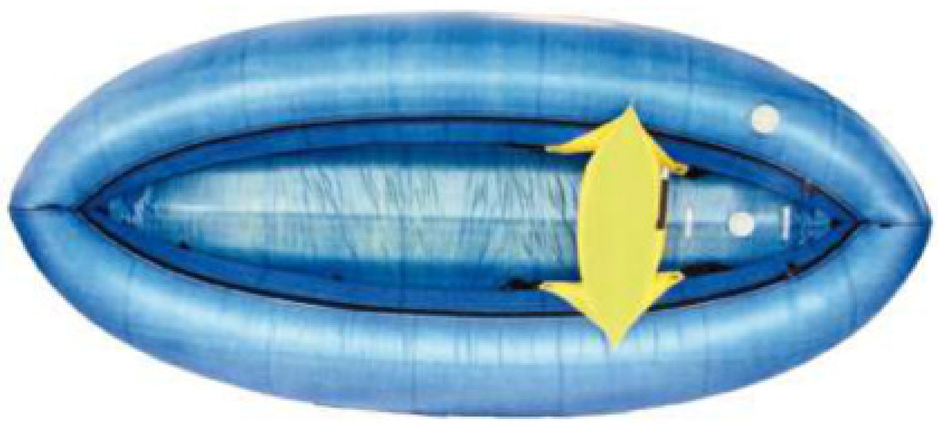
ROCKTABOMB

$199
PVC / INFLATABLE / SOLO
LENGTH - *44"* / **WIDTH** - *44"* / **WEIGHT** - *7 LBS.*
If you were born to river tube, look no further than the AIRE Rocktabomb! The Rocktabomb is a tough, ergonomic river tube with a full PVC outer shell to take on river abuse. Its unique octagon shape makes it a comfortable ride for hours of fun out on the water.



BAKRAFT HYBRID

$1,199
PVC / INFLATABLE / SOLO
LENGTH - *6'11"* / **WIDTH** - *39"* / **WEIGHT** - *6.5 LBS.*
At just over 6 pounds, the AIRE BAKraft Hybrid is the lightest self-bailing packraft of it's kind. The dual-membrane design offers a hard exterior Dyneema® hull fabric with a separate urethane Aire-cell®, offering superior air retention and simplified in-field repairs. Sleek, light and self-bailing, the backcountry is waiting.



FORCE

$1,599

PVC / INFLATABLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9'6"* / **WIDTH** - *36"* / **WEIGHT** - *32 LBS.*

The Force surfs waves, edges in and out of eddies, punches through holes and is quick to maneuver in whitewater. The cockpit is outfitted with multiple thigh strap attachment points and an adjustable bow and stern so the kayak can be dialed in to fit a wide range of sizes.



CRUZAIRE

$1,399

PVC / SUP / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'4"* / **WIDTH** - *36"* / **WEIGHT** - *32 LBS.*

The CruzAIRE is designed for everything! Have a relaxing day on the lake or challenge your SUP skills in whitewater. AIRE's SUP construction features dual layers, I-beam technology and welded seams. The CruzAIRE comes standard with 3 fins, 5 handles, elastic shock cord for storage and a bag for transport.



SUPER PUMA

$3,049

PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13'1"* / **WIDTH** - *68"* / **WEIGHT** - *68 LBS.*

This boat is an AIRE favorite! It's an awesome paddleboat and a great rowing rig for two people and lightweight gear. The Super Puma makes easier class II and class III water more challenging and exciting, while remaining stable enough for experienced paddlers to run gnarly whitewater and drop waterfalls.



SEA TIGER

$2,549

PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *18'* / **WIDTH** - *36"* / **WEIGHT** - *62 LBS.*

No other sea kayak matches the Sea Tiger's comfort, versatility and stability. The Sea Tiger can be used for touring, expeditions and even has room for scuba gear. The Sea Tiger has been tested an approved by paddlers from the sunny coasts of Kauai to the icy waters of Antarctica.



RIVER COUCH

$499

PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *8'* / **WIDTH** - *39"* / **WEIGHT** - *60 LBS.*

Okay, so it's not a boat (technically), but it is a must on any extended raft trip! This inflatable couch features raft quality construction, carry handles and build in beverage holders. Everyone loves to kick back and relax on the river, so why not take a River Couch?



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HALO

$1,495 *($1,595 W/RUDDER)*

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *24.5″*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

Designed to give kayakers comfort and stability with agile yet reassuring handling, the HALO SR-130 will make all your adventures memorable. Experienced paddlers and those looking to develop their skills will appreciate the HALO SR-130's potential. This is truly a light, fun kayak!

COMPASS

$1,999

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *24.5″*
WEIGHT - *46 LBS.*

While not a full touring kayak the Compass has enough storage capacity, is light enough to carry and is a versatile recreational kayak that is fast, sleek and seaworthy. This 14 foot kayak will turn on a dime, handle rough water and more importantly, put a smile on your face.

KASKO

$1,099

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *23.5″*
WEIGHT - *56.2 LBS.*

The Kasko is a very responsive recreational kayak ideally suited to exploring winding rivers, lakes and coastlines. Its cockpit is smaller than that of the Ookpik, allowing the paddler a better fit and therefore better control. Its equipped with thigh braces and a smaller rudder system to maximise ease control.

OOKPIK

$1,099

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *24″*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

The Ookpik is a very stable recreational kayak. It has a large, comfortable cockpit, offering a greater freedom of movement. This kayak is suited for exploring lakes or rivers and for short trips along the coastline. Its equipped with thigh braces and a smaller rudder system to maximise ease control.

SEDNA

$1,199

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15′*
WIDTH - *23.25″*
WEIGHT - *65 LBS.*

The Sedna is our most versatile model. The hull provide stability combined with easy handling while requiring a minimum effort to maintain a good cruising speed. The Sedna is sure to appeal to the weekend paddler who loves to go exploring in all types of water conditions. Comes standard with a rudder system.

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NICK SCHADE

DESIGNER FOR CHESAPEAKE LIGHT CRAFT
AGE: 51 / YEARS PADDLING: 40+ / YEARS DESIGNING: 30+

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY: My background in engineering means that I bring a lot of science to my design work, yet there is real artistry in integrating those principles into a grin-inducing boat design. I refine my hull shapes relentlessly for exceptional performance and so that they are beautiful to look at. I draw on aboriginal kayak and canoe designs and 21st-century materials to create unique paddling craft for sophisticated paddlers.

FAVORITE PLACE TO PADDLE: My home waters are the tide races and surf around Fishers Sound in Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, but given the opportunity I paddle the exposed islands of coastal Maine.

FAVORITE BOAT YOU'VE DESIGNED: The Petrel is a fast, responsive kayak that is a lot of fun in rough water. It has eye-catching Greenland-inspired lines and a modern, efficient underbody that provides a lot of control and solid handling in turbulent conditions. I've spent countless hours enjoying the kayak in all sorts of conditions. Its smaller sister the Petrel Play is starting to steal my affection.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED BOAT DESIGN? Since I specialize in wooden boat designs for amateur builders, I've been lucky to see hundreds (even thousands) of my designs built all over the world. Some of these builders have gone on to become professionals in the sport with designs of their own.

WHAT'S YOUR DESIGN PROCESS? I use 3D CAD models to refine hull shapes for the desired performance. I run the preliminary design through several performance analyses and continue refining the shape. After several rounds of performance tweaks, I'll look at the aesthetics and continue sculpting the model. After many iterations balancing performance and aesthetics, a prototype is built to understand what needs further improvement. The final design is documented in CAD drawings for the DIY builder or in CAM files for kit production at CLC.

WHAT'S YOUR PADDLING BACKGROUND? My early paddling was mostly in canoes, with trips on the lakes of New England, the Adirondacks and Canada. I dabbled briefly in whitewater but found myself drawn to saltwater, where I sought out rock gardens, dynamic water, and some touring. My sea kayak designs retain some influence from my whitewater days in their responsiveness.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? There is something immensely gratifying about being out on the ocean in a boat that I created from scratch. But it is even more satisfying to see the pride our DIY builders take in the boats they have made from my designs. The act of building a boat touches people in a unique way. It is a privilege to have a hand in creating their masterpiece.



SHEARWATER 17

$1,149

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *44 LBS.*

An absolutely stunning stitch-and-glue kayak kit, also available with a cedar-strip deck for more advanced builders. The Eric Schade-designed Shearwater 17 and its sisters have a West Greenland profile for responsiveness, speed, and handling in waves.

SHEARWATER SPORT

$1,149

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′6″*
WIDTH - *25″*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

The Shearwater Sport offers the perfect compromise of light weight, sharp West Greenland handling, effortless cruising speed, and an extra-large cockpit for comfort. The shorter length means easier construction, storage, and car-topping. It might just be the One Kayak that does everything well.

SHEARWATER 14 HYBRID

$1,275

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′6″*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

The CLC Shearwater kayaks are intended for performance paddling in all conditions. Available in four build-it-yourself sizes and available with cedar strip decks, these lightweight Greenland-style kayaks have sleek good looks and an excellent turn of speed.

PETREL

$1,375

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *20″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

Nick Schade's award-winning strip-planked kayak is equal parts sculpture and dazzling on-water performance. Optimized for speed and maneuverability in waves, the skilled paddler will make this slippery kayak dance no matter what the conditions.

PETREL PLAY

$1,299

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

The Petrel Play SG is a great play boat for big waves and rock gardens. With a little extra width and quite a bit of flare to the hull, it's plenty fast at a moderate cruising pace and has good stability in waves, with the ability to lean comfortably. The Petrel Play SG will appeal to paddlers of all shapes, sizes, and skill levels.

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PETREL SG

$1,350

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *20″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

The Petrel is derived from Nick Schade's Night Heron designs, but it is shorter, has more rocker, and more reserve buoyancy in the ends. The result is a lively boat that accelerates quickly to catch waves and maneuvers easily. This version is faster and easier to build than the strip-planked original.



CHESAPEAKE 16

$999

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *15′8″*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

With more than 7000 examples on the water, the Sea Kayaker Readers' Choice-winning Chesapeake series sets the standard for build-it-yourself sea kayaks. Excellent speed, tracking, stability, and cockpit comfort are all features of this high-volume kayak.



MILL CREEK 16.5 HYBRID

$1,299

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16′6″*
WIDTH - *33″*
WEIGHT - *62 LBS.*

The Mill Creek kits are 1930's style double-paddle canoes that offer versatile seating and easy paddling for fisherman, families, or folks whose knees aren't what they once were. Easy to build with a plywood or cedar-stripped deck.



WOOD DUCK 10 HYBRID

$1,175

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

One of seven models in the Wood Duck recreational kayak line. Over a thousand have been built; they are one of the most popular boat kits we've ever offered. Sublime good looks in cedar strips or plywood, with comfort and performance in liberal doses.



WOOD DUCK 12 SAPELE

$1,049

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

The Eric Schade-designed Wood Ducks are excellent all-around rec kayaks with fetching good looks and nimble handling on the water. Their speed is startling, given the big comfortable cockpits and pronounced stability.



SASSAFRAS 12

$999

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *26 LBS.*

A classic ultralight pack canoe that you can build yourself. Under 30 pounds, yet paddlers up to 275 pounds can enjoy good speeds and tracking combined with excellent stability. Perfect for fishing!

SASSAFRAS 16

$1,150

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15′7″*
WIDTH - *39″*
WEIGHT - *68 LBS.*

A perennial Chesapeake Light Craft favorite, the Sassafras 16 has enjoyed a number of recent updates that increased the payload and make the canoe even easier to build from a kit. Great for family outings in all conditions.

NYMPH 10

$1,185

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *25″*
WEIGHT - *20 LBS.*

An ultra-ultralight pack canoe, available in 10- or 12-foot lengths. With care these can be built under 20 pounds. The Nymph paddles fast and tracks straight.

MYSTIC RIVER

$1,599

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17′2″*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

A classic Canadian canoe for cedar strip construction. The Mystic River leans a little towards the performance side of the equation, with excellent speed and efficiency for a couple of adults.

KAHOLO 14

$899

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SUP

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *29.5″*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

With their uncanny speed, the Kaholo 12-6 and Kaholo 14 have found a following among racers. The 14 is better for larger paddlers (or those who might carry along dogs or small kids). The 12-6 is more compact, better for smaller-statured paddlers, and it fits in several racing classes.

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IAN CRERAR

FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 49 / YEARS PADDLING: 40 / YEARS DESIGNING: 20

HOW DID YOU START PADDLING? I've been on the water my whole life. My father and I built a canoe in our basement when I was a kid, and we took it on canoe-camping trips all over Ontario. I'm entirely self-taught in paddling, design and business. Everything I've learned comes from hands-on experience.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. Simplicity and cleanliness below the waterline.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO PADDLE? The lakes of Northern Ontario. There's no place better.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLEARWATER DESIGN? Oh, that's like picking a favorite child! Just like kids, they all have strengths and weaknesses and unique character. I really can't choose.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED BOAT DESIGN? I don't claim to have influenced anyone...not even my wife!

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PROCESS. I guess you'd call it old school. I use plywood stations and cedar stringers to flesh out the basic shape. Then I test the boat on the water, and refine until I feel that I've got it right.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? I enjoy running my hands across the shape as it is coming together. A boat is as much an aesthetic entity as it is a functional one. When you have designed something pleasing to see and at the same time works, you have succeeded.

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ALGONQUIN

$1,199

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / OCEAN / SOLO

LENGTH - 13′9″
WIDTH - 25″
WEIGHT - 53 LBS.

The Algonquin is our most spacious day touring design. The large cockpit opening offers easy entry/exit. The hard chine hull provides fantastic tracking. Standard features include a foot controlled rudder system, 2 large storage compartments, integrated paddle rest, pump up air lumbar support, self rescue straps.



INUKSHUK

$749

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / TOURING / SUP

LENGTH - 10′8″
WIDTH - 35″
WEIGHT - 47 LBS.

Both the fins and the board are rotomolded polyethylene offering an exceptionally durable product. The oversized stomp pad provides a large step surface making this board a great choice for on water yoga. Standard features include deck bungie at bow & stern, paddle holder and 3 carry handles.



IQALUIT

$749

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - 11′8″
WIDTH - 27″
WEIGHT - 46 LBS.

The Iqaluit offers a large open cockpit. Wide beam behind the paddler provides great stability. Then narrows quickly providing a sleek design with a comfortable paddle entry point suitable for a small to mid sized paddler. Includes adjustable footstops, 1 bulkhead, 1 large storage compartment, pump up lumbar,



INUVIK

$815

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - 13′
WIDTH - 28″
WEIGHT - 49 LBS.

The Inuvik is an extremely stable kayak with a large open cockpit. The ample room will support a mid to large paddler comfortably. A fishing package is available for this kayak. Standard features include adjustable footstops, 1 bulkhead, 1 storage compartment, pump up lumbar support, deck bungie and carry handles.



ST. LAWRENCE

$1,299

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / OCEAN / SOLO

LENGTH - 15′6″
WIDTH - 24″
WEIGHT - 54 LBS.

The soft chine hull of the St.Lawrence offers great stability. Sharp entry & exit lines provide excellent tracking. This kayak is ideal for small to mid sized paddlers. Includes a foot controlled rudder system, 2 bulkheads, 2 storage compartments, pump-up lumbar support, self rescue straps, deck bungie & carry handles.

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16' PROSPECTOR

$1,535
4 LAYUPS: $1,525-$2,495

FIBERGLASS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15'9"*
WIDTH - *35"*
WEIGHT - *70 LBS.*

This canoe, shown in fiberglass, has one of the most rugged fiberglass layups on the market. It has multiple layers of Kevlar in the bow and stern. Moderately rockered for river paddling, yet it tracks well on lakes, and carries a good payload. Standard: wood web seats and portage yoke. Footbrace and sprayskirt optional.

17' PROSPECTOR

$1,745
4 LAYUPS: $1,745-$2,595

KEVLAR / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17'2"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *62 LBS.*

This canoe is the number 1 choice as a wilderness tripping/occasional grade 3/carry a lot of gear type of canoe. All Kevlar versions come with a foam core. Fiberglass layup is very rugged with Kevlar reinforcing as well. Moderate rocker makes it at home on lakes as well. Portage yoke, web seats standard.

CASCADE

$1,595
3 LAYUPS: $1,595-$2,495

KEVLAR / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'8"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

The most stable standard tandem canoe in Clipper's lineup. Great for taking out the kids, dogs, or throwing around the fishing line. Great speed as well. Use it as a tripping canoe, or just enjoy paddling with the family. Comfortable bucket seats, footbrace and yoke are standard.

MACKENZIE SPORT 16'5"

$1,845
3 LAYUPS: $1,845-$2,795

FIBERGLASS / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'5"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *84 LBS.*

Clipper makes a 15', 16'6" and an 18' square stern. This model is the midsized version. They all share the same characteristics of big volume with a hull shape designed for paddling as well. All layups including glass, have many extra layers of Kevlar in the bow and stern. We ship direct to anywhere in N. America.

MACKENZIE 18'6"

$1,950
4 LAYUPS: $1,950-$2,945

KEVLAR / TANDEM

LENGTH - *18'6"*
WIDTH - *37"*
WEIGHT - *78 LBS.*

This is a BIG volume tripping canoe. It will carry Mom, Dad, kids and all your gear for an extended trip. You don't have to take two canoes, when one will do you. Standard features are portage yoke, sliding bow seat, footbrace and the most rugged layup on the market. Great speed, great stability.

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LANGLEY

$7,495
2 LAYUPS: $7,495-$8,995

FIBERGLASS / PASSENGER

LENGTH - *29′*
WIDTH - *51″*
WEIGHT - *390 LBS.*

This 14-passenger canoe has a shallow arch hull that provides great stability while the moderate rocker allows quick turns. The hull is stiffened with a ½ inch vacuum bagged foam core. Choose a standard color or the optional simulated birch bark. Two Langleys will fit on an 8 ½′ wide trailer. Great outfitter canoe.



PACIFIC DANCER

$13,000

FIBERGLASS / PASSENGER

LENGTH - *36′*
WIDTH - *58″*
WEIGHT - *550 LBS.*

This 18-paddler canoe is patterned after the traditional canoes used by First Nations People on the West Coast. It has enough capacity to accommodate passengers in the middle of the seats, as well as lots of gear. It's a serious ocean going, group-tripping canoe. For info call 1-866-644-8111.



MARINER

$5,395
4 LAYUPS: $5,395-$6,500

FIBERGLASS / PASSENGER

LENGTH - *22′*
WIDTH - *48″*
WEIGHT - *240 LBS.*

The Mariner is happy to be paddled by 3 to 8 paddlers. Great for river tripping, ocean canoeing, and suitable for large families, camps, or guiding. It features a shallow arch hull, moderate rocker and a keelless bottom. The bottom is stiffened with a vacuum-bagged foam core. Zero maintenance materials.



TRIPPER

$1,795
4 LAYUPS: $1,795-$2,995

KEVLAR / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17′6″*
WIDTH - *35″*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

The standard Kevlar layup pictured here has a vacuum bagged foam core for extra stiffness and extra Kevlar reinforcing in the bow and stern. Standard features include a sliding bow seat, comfortable portage yoke, and stern footbrace. At home on rivers, lakes and oceans, this canoe is known for its stability and speed.



TRIPPER S

$1,745
4 LAYUPS: $1,745-$2,945

KEVLAR / TANDEM / SOLO

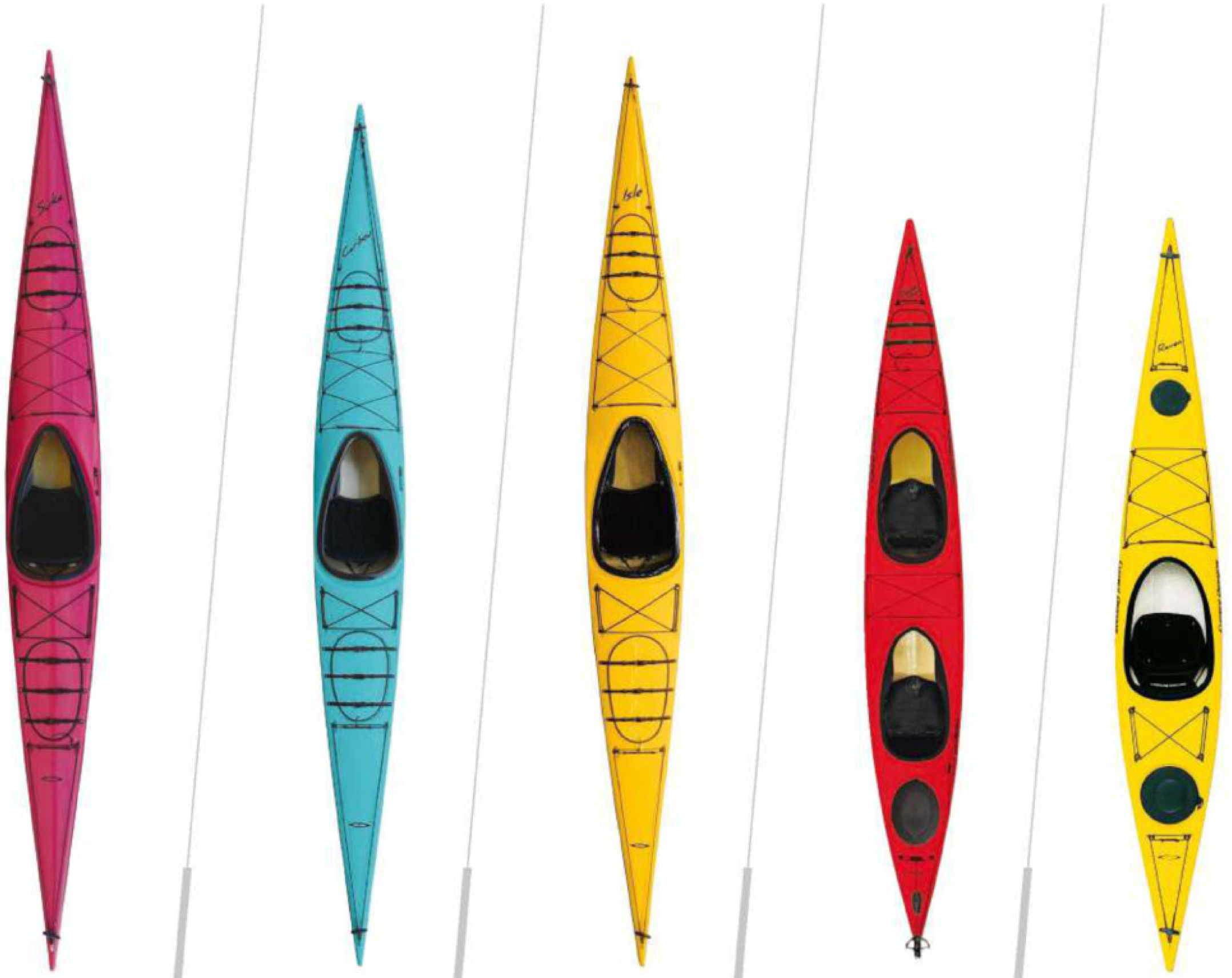
LENGTH - *16′6″*
WIDTH - *33″*
WEIGHT - *66 LBS.*

Patterned after the popular Tripper listed above, this canoe has added tumblehome to accommodate the solo paddler. It comes standard with a kneeling thwart behind the yoke, a sliding bow seat, deep dish portage yoke, and footbrace. This is a great solo/tandem crossover canoe. Awesome speed. Skirt available.

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SUKA

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *21"*
WEIGHT - *46 LBS.*

Touring, Greenland: The Suka is a Greenland design sized especially for smaller paddlers. The shallow "V" hull and hard chines gives a sense of security when carving turns. It accelerates quickly and has excellent speed for effortless days on the water. Skeg comes standard.

CARIBOU

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'3"*
WIDTH - *21.5"*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

Touring, Greenland: The Caribou is a classic Greenland design that has a cult-like following all over the world. The hard chines give it amazing initial stability and edge holding capabilities. Couple that with its wave catching powers and you have a great kayak that's fast, nimble, and a pure joy to paddle.

ISLE

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *18'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

Touring, Greenland: The Isle is a super-sized Greenland design with all the great qualities for a bigger paddler. It's a unique alternative to a North American style design for a big person seeking the edging, rolling, and paddling qualities of a hard chine kayak. Skeg comes standard.

TAILFIN

$1,199
RUDDER: $200

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *68 LBS.*

A paddler-friendly and angler customizable fishing platform sit-above kayak. Comfortable seating with ready access to a near endless array of attachment rails for all of your rod holders, graphs and gear. Three flip lock hatches for storage and security. Rudder and duel performance outriggers are optional.

RAVEN

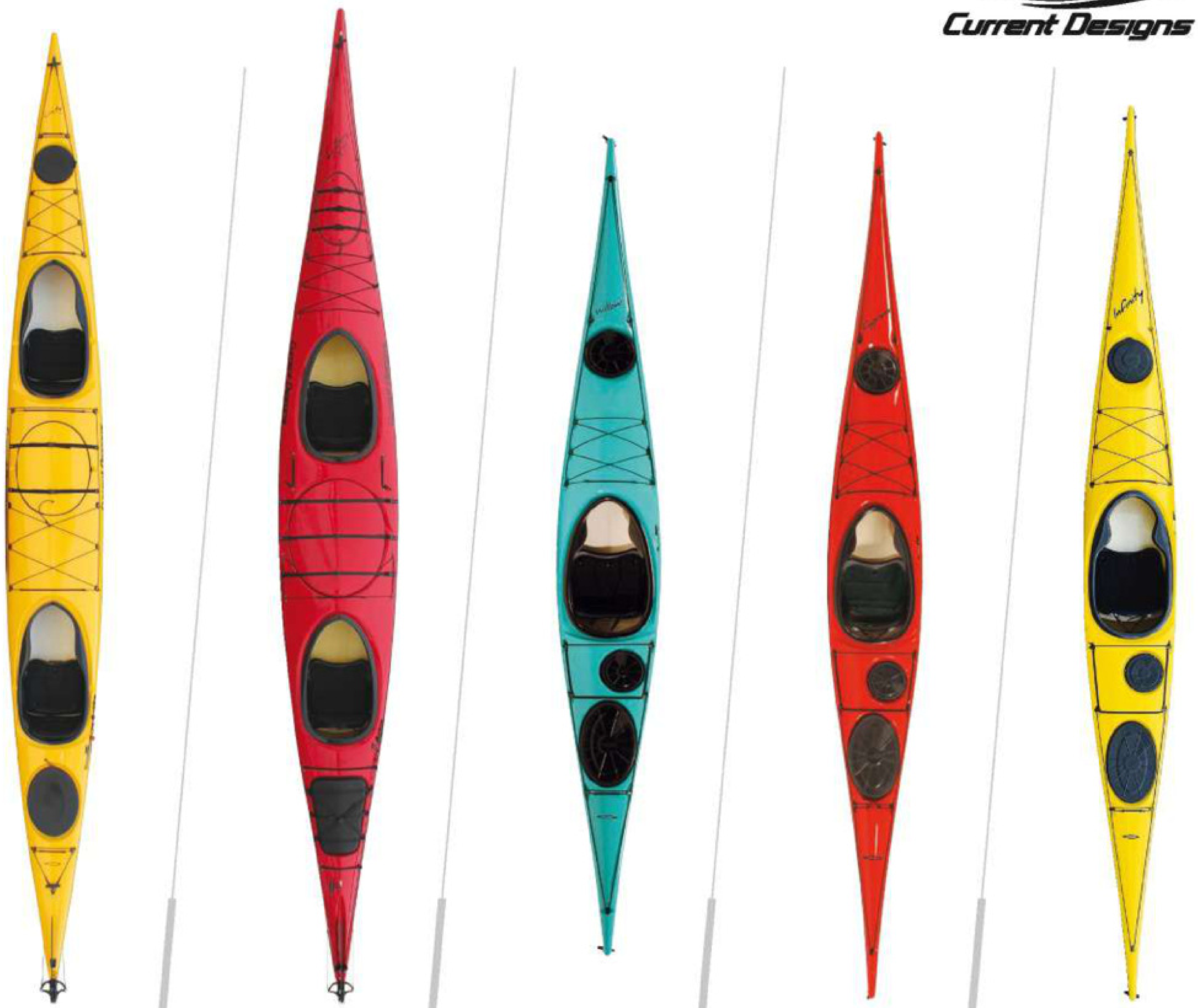
$1,199

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *20"*
WEIGHT - *26 LBS.*

The only true performance kayak built just for kids. The Raven is a sleek 20" wide for easy paddling, with a hard chine for excellent stability and predictable feel when edging to carve a turn. It is fully outfitted with front and rear hatches and two composite bulkheads.

Current Designs



UNITY

$3,399

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *21′*
WIDTH - *26″*
WEIGHT - *85 LBS.*

Touring, North American: Update for 2012, the Unity is a performance tandem sized large to take on big water and rough conditions. Novice and experienced paddlers will appreciate its superior acceleration and long glide. Constructed in a unique fiberglass layup for extra durability.

LIBRA XT

$4,399
2 LAYUPS: $4,399-$4,999

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *21′8″*
WIDTH - *32″*
WEIGHT - *92 LBS.*

North American: The Libra XT is perfect for tandem expeditions or family outings with its safety, seaworthiness, comfort, carrying capacity and quality construction. The center cockpit area can accommodate a child, or carry a ton of gear for the most luxurious adventure.

WILLOW

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15′6″*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

Touring, British: The Willow is designed for smaller paddlers who want a quick, responsive kayak with an extra degree of stability. It's an ideal choice for paddlers seeking to take their skills to the next level in a responsive, easy-to handle day kayak. Skeg comes standard.

CYPRESS

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16′9″*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Touring, British: This magnificent kayak features modest rocker for maneuverability and performance in open seas. It'll excite paddlers looking for a non-entry level daytripper and amaze sea kayakers embarking on trips to remote destinations. Skeg comes standard.

INFINITY

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′9″*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

Touring, British: The Infinity is a large expedition sea kayak for British design aficionados. A raised foredeck is roomy enough to accommodate larger paddlers and the hatches will hold enough gear for any length trip. Ideal for surfing, rolling, and technical kayaking, the Infinity will conquer all the worlds waters with efficiency.

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GULFSTREAM

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'10"*
WIDTH - *23.75"*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

Touring, British: An iconic design in the world of sea kayaking, the Gulfstream was created by world famous designer Derek Hutchinson. It's highly maneuverable and will dance on the water with a simple tilt of the boat and a stroke of the paddle. Skeg comes standard.

SIROCCO

$1,549

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'10"*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

Touring, British: The Sirocco is the rotomolded version of the Gulfstream. This kayak appeals to a broad market of paddlers who crave performance yet want a boat that is user friendly. Designed by Derek Hutchinson, the Sirocco boasts the same tight turning, quick paddling qualities of the composite version in a lower cost rotomolded construction.

SQUAMISH

$1,299

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'8"*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

Touring, British: The Squamish is a sporty boat that answers the call for a smaller roto kayak that excels in touring performance. Incorporating some elements of North American and British design styles it appeals to kayakers looking for a fun, easy-to-use, performance sea kayak for day paddling and short trips.

RUMOUR

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *19.75"*
WEIGHT - *46 LBS.*

Touring, British: Popular sea kayaking figure Nigel Foster designed the Rumour for smaller advanced paddlers. Most will find its narrow beam and cockpit to be a snug fit, but its slim profile is what makes it an excellent rolling and swift kayak. A great modified Greenland design.

WHISTLER

$1,299
RUDDER: $200, 3 LBS.

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'5*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *57 LBS.*

Transitional: Re-designed in recent years, we updated this old favorite with a modernized deck profile, keyhole cockpit, and recessed deck fittings. Now featuring increased foot room, it's a great option for paddlers wanting a seaworthy transitional design.



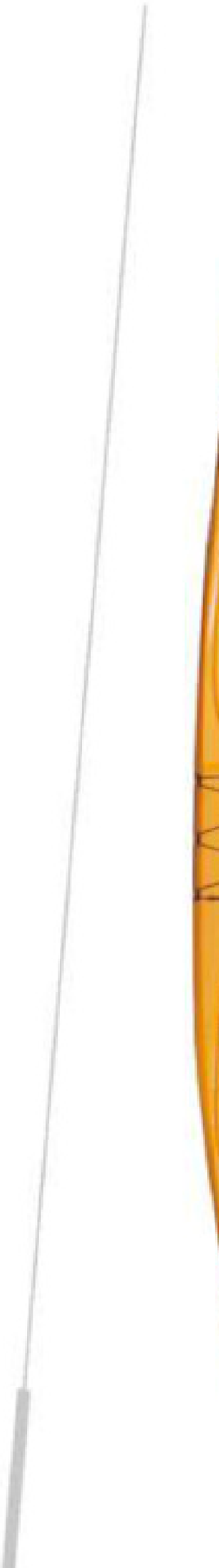
DOUBLE VISION

$2,999

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'8*
WIDTH - *28*
WEIGHT - *69 LBS.*

Transitional: Like the entire Vision family, the Double Vision shares all the design, function and performance of the solo Visions in a kayak for two. Offering high levels of stability and tracking, this 16' 8" boat will provide hours of paddling fun for the whole family.



DOUBLE VISION ROTO

$1,999

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'8"*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *92 LBS.*

Transitional: The Double Vision roto is a great paddling rotomolded tandem at an exceptional price. Mimicking the composite Double Vision tandem in size, this kayak is sure to please kids and adults of any skill level.



BREEZE

$849

RUDDER: $200, 3 LBS.

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'6"*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

Transitional: The Breeze's upswept bow and fish form allow this small kayak to handle rough conditions with ease, while remaining nimble on flat water. The Breeze fits a broad size range of paddlers, is very stable and extremely user friendly.



SQUALL GT

$1,549

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC, FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *57 LBS.*

Touring, North American: The new Squall GT is the sister ship Squall GTS with additional width. The added width affords more space in additional to increased initial stability. The Squall GT delivers efficiency, acceleration, tracking and safety. Outfitting includes a user friendly keyhole cockpit, dry storage and Dimension Adjustable Seat Back.



SQUALL GTS

$1,549

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'11"*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

Touring, North American: Updated in 2012, the Squall GTS continues its lineage as a sleek and efficient rotomolded kayak. The new hull design makes this a sporty tripping kayak capable of extended trips while also delivering great performance and fun on weeknight paddles.



FREEDOM

$3,199

KEVLAR / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *18'*
WIDTH - *21.75"*
WEIGHT - *33 LBS.*

The Freedom is an absolute dream for kayak fitness paddlers. Set on our race proven Stratus hull the deck height is low to evade winds. Recesses in the fore deck provide ample hand clearance for high angle strokes. A large cockpit allows paddlers a choice between elevated knees, common to K1, or traditional leg positioning.



SOLSTICE GTS

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'7"*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

Touring, North American: The Solstice GTS is for the paddler who wants a North American style kayak in a highly efficient package. Plenty of foot room and the easy entry keyhole cockpit allows small to average sized paddlers to slip in comfortably while still staying true to it's sporty fit.



SOLSTICE GT

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'7"*
WIDTH - *24.25"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

Touring, North American: The Solstice GT is the flag ship of our touring kayak fleet and the most popular composite kayak ever made. This updated classic delivers a predictable feel while slicing through the water. Outstanding acceleration, glide, and tracking.



SOLSTICE GT TITAN

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'7"*
WIDTH - *24.25"*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

Touring, North American: Because we know not everyone that loves to paddle is 6 foot tall and less than 225lbs, the Titan is a comfortable performance touring kayak for really big and tall paddlers. Oversized keyhole cockpit and fuller throughout allowing for long legs and big feet (size 14+).



NOMAD GTS

$3,399
2 LAYUPS: $3,399-$3,799

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *18'10"*
WIDTH - *21.25"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

Touring, North American: If you want efficiency and speed in an expedition touring kayak the Nomad is for you. The long slender waterline of the Nomad makes an extremely efficient hull and gives you a super fast open water boat. This seaworthy design can handle expeditions, extended tours, or day trips in all conditions.



KESTREL 120

$1,999

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'6"*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *38 LBS.*

Recreational: The Kestrel 120 is the epitome of recreational kayak designs. This is the best paddling recreational kayak ever made. It's incredibly maneuverable, has rock solid stability, a large spacious cockpit, and the Revolution Seating System for extreme paddling comfort.

KESTREL 120 ROTO

$799

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

Recreational: The rotomolded version of the Kestrel 120 provides the same quality and performance as the composite model, but at an incredibly affordable price. Featuring a recreational sized cockpit and the Revolution Seating System, it's a favorite because of its ultra tough construction and confidence building stability.

KESTREL 140

$2,099

RUDDER: $200

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *43 LBS.*

Recreational: The Kestrel 140 trades just a little bit of maneuvering ability for increased efficiency, better tracking, greater stability and gear storage capacity. The bow hatch and 2 bulkheads allow for plenty of storage andincreased safety.

KESTREL 140 ROTO

$999

2 LAYUPS : $99-$1,999

RUDDER: $200

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'6"*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

Recreational: Our ultra tough rotomolded Kestrel 140 is a solid boat at a budget conscious price. Great to keep at the cabin for the family, it's perfect for the all around outdoorsmen as well. With the extra storage it can hold all the gear and tackle a float fisherman may need.

VISION 120 SP

$1,999

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

Transistional: The Vision 120SP is the perfect kayak for smaller paddlers who place a premium on weight and safety. This fun paddling 12' boat weighs in at only 32 lbs making it super easy to car-top and carry. Outfitting includes two composite bulkheads and hatches, a keyhole cockpit, and light weight fixed seating.

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VISION 130

$ 2,099
RUDDER OR SKEG: $200

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

Transitional: If you're looking for a small- to medium sized transitional kayak, the composite Vision 130 is the kayak for you. A bit more nimble than the 14' and 15' models, it has a unique handling and confidence inspiring feel.

VISION 135 ROTO

$1,199
RUDDER: $200, 3 LBS.

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'6"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

Transitional: The Vision 135 Roto offers the great qualities, details, and outfitting of all our Vision models, in a manageable roto-molded kayak. A very user friendly kayak with near limitless potential and a reasonable price tag.

VISION 140

$2,199
RUDDER OR SKEG: $200, 3 LBS.

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *43 LBS.*

Transitional: This medium sized 14' kayak is perfect for day tripping and week night paddles. A generously sized keyhole cockpit allows for easy entry, as well as ample foot room and large storage capacity. A great kayak for both lakes and rivers.

VISION 150

$2,599
2 LAYUPS: $1,499-$2.599
RUDDER OR SKEG: $200

COMPOSITE HYBRID / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Transitional: Fully sized and fully functional, the Vision 150 has storage capacity for long weekend trips while delivering an excellent mix of efficiency, tracking, and maneuverability. The perfect step up for kayakers looking to further their technique and skill development.

VISION 150 ROTO

$1,499
RUDDER: $200, 3 LBS.

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

Transitional: The Vision 150 roto is a great optionfor those looking for a bigger transitional kayak, with advan-tages of rotomolded construction. Heavy duty and able to take a beating, this boat will hold it's own in high winds or waves.



SOLARA 100 ROTO

$599

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

Recreational: A leader in its class offering the unprecedented safety of a twin bulkhead design. This also offers improved dry storage over most 10' kayaks. Ultra-stable and incredibly spacious, this is a great starter kayak for small to medium sized paddlers looking to soak up the sun with style and safety.

SOLARA 120 ROTO

$799

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *59 LBS.*

Recreational: Our medium sized Solara 120 roto is a kayak the whole family can enjoy. Sized to fit kids to full size adults, the open cockpit and Revolution Seating System standard on all Solaras provide serious comfort. If you're looking for the best length/weight/price value out there, the Solara 120 roto is hard to beat.

SOLARA 135 ROTO

$999
RUDDER: $200

ROTOMOLDED POLYETHYLENE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - 13'6"
WIDTH - 28"
WEIGHT - 64 lbs.

Recreational: The Solara 135 roto is a full sized recreational kayak perfect for medium to larger paddlers looking for an ultra-tough and budget conscious roto kayak. Its stable hull and open cockpit design makes it a great option for fishing as well. Add the optional rudder for even more maneuverability and control.

EQUINOX GT

$1,999

FIBERGLASS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16′*
WIDTH - *????????*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

Touring, North American: The Equinox GT is the new, smaller sister to the Solstice GT. Targeting smaller paddlers and shorter distances, the Equinox delivers wonderful glide and tracking and maneuverability. A perfect kayak for after work cruises and long weekends. The Equinox GT features a secure keyhole cockpit and storage hatches for comfort.

EQUINOX GTS

$3,799
RUDDER: $200

KEVLAR / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *????????*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

Touring, North American: The Equinox GTS is the new, smaller sister to the Solicited GTS. Nimble, efficient and straight tracking define this kayak. Smaller paddlers will appreciate this compact kayak on evening tours and long weekend excursions. The user-friendly key-hole cockpit and full outfitting complete the package.

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JITSU 5.9

$1,105

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PLAYBOAT / SOLO

LENGTH - *5'9.5"*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *31 LBS.*

Dagger brings decades of paddler-proven heritage to freestyle kayaking in the Jitsu Series. With a fast, loose hull and defined edges, this dynamic freestyle kayak excels in surfing and aerial moves in wave play with volume proportions that allow skill development in hole play as well.



AXIOM 8.5

$1,055

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / WHITEWATER / SOLO

LENGTH - *8'6"*
WIDTH - *25.5"*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

You want the total whitewater experience in one boat, in whatever form required of the given moment—the ability to cruise, run the river, or surf—and you want to do it well. The speedy Axiom Series offers a dynamic surf and down river experience.



MAMBA 8.1 CREEKER

$1,155

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / TANDEM

LENGTH - *8'1"*
WIDTH - *26.75"*
WEIGHT - *47 LBS.*

The Mamba Series has been tested and engineered for speed and crisp carving while maintaining the series' hallmark predictability. It's a river running icon known for predictability and trusted by renowned instructors and Team Dagger paddlers as a versatile training machine.



NOMAD 8.1

$1,055

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / CREEK / WHITEWATER / SOLO

LENGTH - *8'1"*
WIDTH - *25.5"*
WEIGHT - *47 LBS.*

Trusted as the world's ulimate creeker, the Nomad is the kayak of choice by both record holders and high-five fanatics. This Nomad is fast, easy to roll and manueverable, and handles multi-day expeditions, class V rapids and waterfall hucking with ease—perfect for all types of whitewater explorers.



KATANA 10.4

$1,105

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / WHITEWATER / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'4"*
WIDTH - *27.25"*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

For the adventurer who is interested in the whitewater lifestyle and expedition style multi-water trips, but who doesn't want to limit their kayaking adventures only to whitewater, the Katana Series is designed with confidence, flexibility and comfort in mind on flat or up to class III whitewater.

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ROAM 11.5

$955

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'6"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *59 LBS.*

Whether you're a seasoned paddler out for a run on your local class III river or an outdoor enthusiast needing to reach the best fishing, climbing, or hiking by water, the sit-on-top Roam 11.5 provides quick and easy access to gear and more freedom and adventure than any series before.



ROAM 9.5

$855

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *9'9"*
WIDTH - *31.5"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

The Roam Series expands Dagger's crossover multi-water category in sit-on-top fashion. The 9.5 is smaller and more maneuverable than the 11.5, yet provides quick and easy access to gear— perfect for a versatile, performance-driven outdoor lifestyle.



AXIS 10.5

$805

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'6"*
WIDTH - *28.5"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

The Axis Series is ideal for the eclectic paddler who appreciates relaxing day trips on the lake, but who might also enjoy the challenge of a class 2 river. The height-adjustable drop skeg provides excellent tracking on flat water, with performance features suitable for light whitewater paddling.



ZYDECO 11.0

$595

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'2"*
WIDTH - *27.75"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

The ultra-stylish Zydeco Series from Dagger's adventure recreation category is performance-engineered for flat and slowly moving water, with plenty of speed, stability, and storage capacity for day trips, gear-heavy hobbies or even an overnight trek.



ALCHEMY 14.0L

$1,235

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

For eyes seeking far off possibility, performance touring offers an exciting world of weekend adventures, shoreline exploration and flat water expeditions in the Alchemy Series. For the control and assurance to meet the challenge, choose the kayak trusted to always go the distance.

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DELTA 10

$995

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *27″*
WEIGHT - *38 LBS.*

The Delta 10 offers efficient tracking, superior stability and ample storage capacity. With plenty of buoyancy, a sealed underdeck day pod, and SeaView window, this kayak is as safe as it is fun to paddle. Super light for easy handling and comfortable with its multi-position Contour Seat System.

DELTA CAT 10.5

$1,095

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO
LENGTH - *10′5″*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

Cat 10.5 SOT kayak you'll never want to be away from the water. Its unique catamaran style hull provides great stability, tracking and hull speed making it a breeze to paddle whether on a lake, exploring narrow waterways or playing in waves at the beach.

DELTA 12s

$1,425

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *24″*
WEIGHT - *38 LBS.*

The Delta 12s offers outstanding versatility for medium to smaller framed paddlers craving a lightweight and stable kayak that makes no compromises. The finely tuned hull of the 12s provides speedy and responsive handling. Feature highlights include Delta's proprietary Press-Lock Hatches, low profile day hatch, and multi-position Contour Seat System.

DELTA 12.10

$1,475

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *12′10″*
WIDTH - *25″*
WEIGHT - *41 LBS.*

The 12.10 is a nimble tripper bound to impress those looking for the perfect combination of versatility, stability and comfort. Ideal for day trips or long weekends, it has enough leg room to allow almost any paddler to feel at ease while paddling this popular light touring kayak.

DELTA 14

$2,125

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *23.75″*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

The Delta 14 is feature packed, has loads of storage and offers ultralight handling on and off the water. Designed to paddle in near any condition, this touring kayak is perfect for multi-day and day trips alike. Its moderate V-shaped hull and pronouced chine allow for easy edging and maneuverability.

DELTA KAYAKS



NEW

DELTA 15.5GT

$2,325

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'6"*
WIDTH - *24.25"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

Suitable for novice to advanced paddlers, the New Delta 15.5GT offers comfort, stability and more speed than ever before. Its new hull shape for 2015 allows for better speed and handling without compromising stability. A long waterline and moderate V-shaped hull will help paddlers stay on course even in rougher conditions.

DELTA 15s

$2,295
SKEG OR RUDDER OPTIONS

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *44 LBS.*

The Delta 15s combines sleek lines with a smaller fitting cockpit to create an exceptional performance seakayak suited for medium to smaller framed paddlers. Weighing just 44lbs. it offers quick, responsive handling, efficient edging and exceptional tracking. The 15s is at home in any sea condition.

DELTA 16

$2,415
SKEG OR RUDDER OPTIONS

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Excelling in rough seas, surf and wind this elegant kayak offers a balanced combination of manoeuvrability and tracking to help stay the course in challenging conditions. It easily keeps a quick responsive pace and boasts enough storage capacity for multi-day exploration.

NEW

DELTA 17

$2,495
SKEG OR RUDDER OPTIONS

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *22.5"*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

The New Delta 17 is ideal for medium to large framed paddlers looking to tackle true sea conditions in confidence. Its refined V-shaped hull, pronounced chine and moderate rocker offer paddlers a smooth transition to edge and impressive performance. It now features our low profile day hatch.

DELTA 20T

$3,295

THERMOFORM POLYMER / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *19'6"*
WIDTH - *26.5"*
WEIGHT - *82 LBS.*

A true touring tandem, the Delta 20T has the ability to navigate rough conditions even when fully loaded in comfort. Its narrower beam allows for sporty performance without compromising on stability and aiding in speed. Its third hatch is very handy when storing extra gear for extended trips.

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TOM DERRER
FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER

HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE KAYAK BUSINESS? I fell in love with kayaking in the mid-60s. In those days, if you wanted a kayak you had to build your own, or beg someone to build one for you. I happened to like building them, and pretty soon people were begging me to build boats for them.

I knew Werner Furrer Sr., the founder of Werner paddles, and knew that he'd designed whitewater boats for his family. Molds were still rare in those days, but Werner agreed to let me build his designs. I learned his methods and began designing my own boats in the late 1970s.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. My design philosophy was simple and remains the same today. I start with three questions: Who is the boat for? What does it need to do? How can I make it beautiful?

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED KAYAK DESIGN? Performance has always been key for Eddyline, and that's led us to experiment with construction methods and materials. We were the first to use vacuum-bagging in fiberglass kayaks. We delved into computer design and computer cut masters.

YOU ALSO WERE THE FIRST KAYAK COMPANY TO BUILD WITH THERMOFORMED PLASTIC. Once we started thermoforming components like seats and backrests, we thought, 'Wow, this is nice. It's clean, it's strong, it's fast.' We had to build our own machine just to see if it was possible to thermoform a complete kayak. It worked, and the result is far more efficient than other methods, and cleaner environmentally.

HOW HAS PADDLING ENRICHED YOUR LIFE? So I'd lead trips in the summer and invite my friends along. One of my friends said he had some friends he'd like to bring, and he said I'd like them. One of them was Lisa, and he was right. Really, my reason for being in the business is that it was an excuse to go kayaking.

HOW HAS PADDLING ENRICHED YOUR LIFE? Besides the fact that paddling brought me to my life's partner, kayaking—both whitewater and sea paddling—has deepened my enormous appreciation of the beauty and delicate nature of our natural environment as well as my desire to protect it.

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SKYLARK

10'-$995, 12'-$1,379

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / RECREATIONAL / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *41 LBS.*

The Skylark, while essentially a recreational kayak in size and fit, also has the features and performance found in a full-fledged sea kayak including hatches and bulkheads bow and stern. It has abundant stability and a roomy fit, yet the efficiency to keep up with longer boats on an easy cruise.

SANDPIPER

$1,329

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / RECREATIONAL / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *38 LBS.*

Anyone can paddle the Sandpiper! The large cockpit makes getting in or out of this very stable kayak a breeze, even from a dock or boat deck. The Sandpiper is easy to maneuver in those backwaters while bird watching and small enough to fit on your yacht.

EQUINOX

$1,799

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / RECREATIONAL / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

The Equinox strikes an excellent balance between the recreational and true touring kayak with its ample cockpit and storage space, good cruising speed and complete rigging. For ultimate comfort the Equinox comes with Thigh braces and our Infinity Sliding Seat System for a fine tuned fit.

CARIBBEAN 12

$1,429, ANGLER-$1,579

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / FISHING / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

The Caribbean 12 offers a combination of features sure to please the recreational paddler as well as the avid fisherman. Stable and efficient, it is available in a basic configuration allowing you to add your own accessories, and an Angler version, which is decked out with all the essential fishing accessories.

CARIBBEAN 14

$1,629, ANGLER-$1,829

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / FISHING / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *29"*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

The Caribbean 14 is a high performance version of our popular Caribbean 12 with options especially adapted to the fishing enthusiast that may be dealing with surf or rough water conditions. Outfitted with multiple mounting options and easy accessible hatches. Optional Angler version. The ultimate lightweight fishing kayak.



SAMBA

$2,269

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / OCEAN / N. AMERICAN / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'8"*
WIDTH - *22.5"*
WEIGHT - *43 LBS.*

The Samba is a lively and nimble turbo charged kayak that is easy to accelerate, and carves like a fine German knife. This fully outfitted sea-worthy kayak has a retractable skeg for a wider range of hull performance and an adjustable seat for a custom fit. Samba is just plain fun!

DENALI

$2,499

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / OCEAN / N. AMERICAN / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'3"*
WIDTH - *24.5"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

The Denali is a lighter, performance oriented kayak with room for the larger paddler. It looks sleek, but has abundant foot and leg room and the feel and performance of the Samba or Journey. The cockpit is large, but has a keyhole configuration for extra thigh support and durability.

JOURNEY

$2,469

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / OCEAN / N. AMERICAN / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'6"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

The Journey is a full featured touring kayak with the casual, fun loving kayaker in mind. Nimble and quick but still roomy and comfortable, the Journey sports all the touring kayak features and has a recessed skeg for that additional level of versatility and control in varying water and wind conditions.

FATHOM

$2,699

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / OCEAN / N. AMERICAN / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

The Fathom is everything that most performance paddlers look for in a sea kayak and one that you won't outgrow. The hull is quite fast while retaining a comfortable level of stability, it has outstanding carving ability and its full volume front deck provides ample room for longer legs and feet.

RAVEN

$2,799

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / OCEAN / BRITISH / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'9"*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *52 LBS.*

The Raven features a raking bow and stern, hard chines in the mid-ships and is very well balanced. This provides a very "neutral" trim that gives the paddler astonishing control in wind and waves. The Raven can accommodate multi-day touring as well as day tripping and ocean play.

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STRAIGHT 140XE

$1,249.99
4 LAYUPS: $949-$1,249.99

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *25″*
WEIGHT - *55.5 LBS.*

This superbly crafted kayak brings a unique blend of durability and efficiency making it fast yet manoeuvrable and extremely stable. A first-class boat brimming with comfort and performance features. Made of our lightweight and highly durable Poly-XR™, it offers the level of strength and rigidity expected from any composite kayak.



SOUND 100XE

$729.99
3 LAYUPS: $729-$949

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *41.5 LBS.*

Step up to the Sound 100XE and discover what a difference a thoughtful design can make. With its fast and nimble deep-V hull platform, this model will appeal to paddlers looking for a high performance 10' kayak. Made of Poly-XR for the industry's stiffest, strongest and most durable polyethylene kayaks.



COAST 120XE

$749.99
4 LAYUPS: $649-$849

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

The self-bailing Coast 120XE is a sit-on-top kayak engineered for ergonomic comfort, high speed and stability. Unique features include an easy-access bow hinged front hatch, 8" day hatch with storage bag, Ergoflex seating system and a large stern storage platform with bungee.



INTREPID 120X

$649.99
3 LAYUPS: $549-$649

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *29″*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

The new Intrepid 120X is designed with neophytes in mind. While its unique multichine design still puts a premium on stability and tracking, this roomier 12' version of the Intrepid also offers improved acceleration and speed. Its sleek construction and superior outfitting makes the Intrepid 120X a paddlers' best friend.



ESCAPE 120X

$699.99
2 LAYUPS: $599-$699

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

From its performance hull to numerous features like adjustable foot pegs, knee pads, Quicklock hatch with huge 60L storage bag, molded cockpit table with 4' day hatch and Ergoband seating, the Escape 120X offers exceptional performance at a price that redefines value.

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GUSTER

$349

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

The ST Performance hull of the Guster makes this boat a paddling machine. With the new Oval E Hatch, adjustable footbraces, deck bungee, ditty tray, docking loop, and cup holder, it's still not enough. So, to top it off, it has our new CRS Ultralite XL Seat with quick release back. This boat really has it all.



SPITFIRE 12T

$549

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *35″*
WEIGHT - *83 LBS.*

The Spitfire 12T takes tandem kayaking to the next level! It includes our Quick Release CRS Seat System, Freedom Footwells, Solace Hatch, tankwell with Cargo Net Lacing system, and our Easy Roll Skeg Wheel that makes transportation simple while enhancing tracking. We've thought of it all, even the affordable price!



SPITFIRE 9

$379

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′*
WIDTH - *31″*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

The Spitfire 9 is a versatile sit-on-top kayak design that performs well in a wide range of water conditions. The CRS + Ultralite Seat System makes for a comfortable paddling experience and the Solace Hatch and tankwell with Cargo Net Lacing System offer plenty of easily-accessible space to store your gear for a great day on the water.



MOJO ANGLER

$799

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′5″*
WIDTH - *32″*
WEIGHT - *61 LBS.*

Fast, efficient and fully outfitted the Mojo Angler has all you need for your next fishing excursion. Features include two flush rod holders, a center console with Scotty Rod holder, dry box, Solace Hatch and tankwell with Cargo Net Lacing System for a crate, tackle box or bait bucket.



TEMPTATION 11

$449

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

A true feature-filled performance kayak! We've added our Easy Roll Skeg Wheel which makes transportation a breeze while enhancing the speed and tracking. It also includes the Solace Hatch, oversized tankwell with Cargo Net Lacing System, paddle keepers, the Quick Release CRS Seat System, and molded-in footwells.

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STEALTH 11

$499

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *59 LBS.*

The best and most affordable angler out there! We've added a rod holder closer to the paddler and an Easy Roll Skeg Wheel that makes transportation easy. With paddle keepers, our Solace Hatch and Quick Release CRS Seat System, you are sure to be comfortable while pursing a lunker.



DARTER

$299

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

The defined keel and hull design make the Darter a great performance kayak in a small package. It comes equipped with adjustable footbraces, bungee cords, our new CRS Ultralite XL Seat System with Quick Release Seat Back, and toggle handles. You can have great performance in an affordable package!



CRUSH

$249

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SUP / SOLO

LENGTH - *8′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *28 LBS.*

Kids love to paddle-board too! Smaller and lighter than our adult board, this SUP is perfect for smaller framed paddlers. It is extremely stable and durable so it can withstand hours of playtime. It has easy carry handles, a retractable fin and EVA foam for comfortable footing.



GLIDE SPORT

$349

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′8″*
WIDTH - *29″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

The Emotion Glide Sport provides the perfect combination of comfort, stability and performance in an exceptionally versatile package. The Glide Sport is made from High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) with a design and size that is easy to handle on and off the water. The ST Performance Hull design provides the speed, tracking and maneuverability for just about every water condition from large lakes and bays to slow moving creeks and rivers.



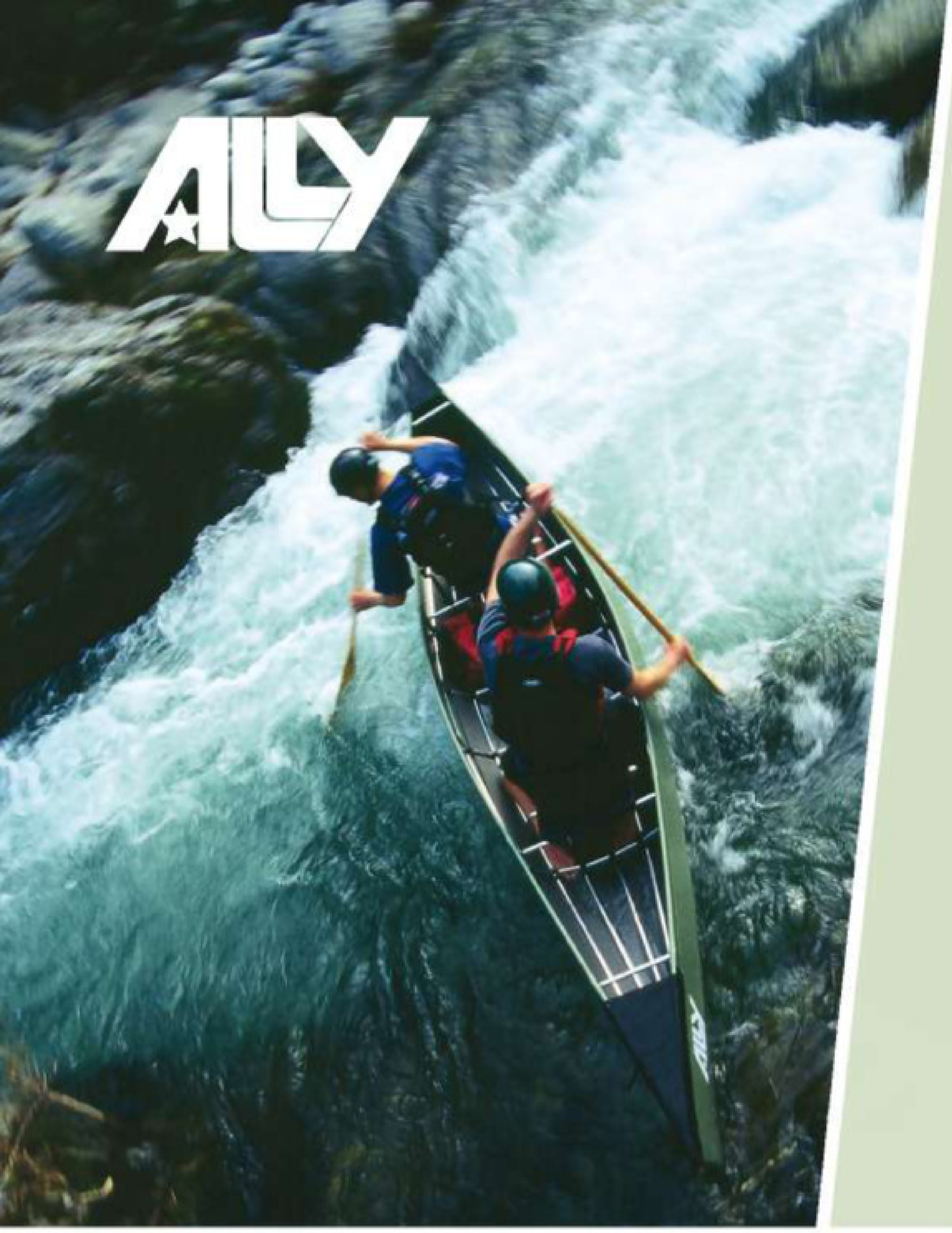
ENVY 11

$499

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *11′*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

Designed to cut seamlessly through the water, the Envy 11 is fast, efficient and stable. With the CRS XL Seat System, Solace Hatch with dry bag, Paddle Keepers, and adjustable footbraces, this kayak is perfect for either a relaxing day on the water or a full day excursion.





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$2,700

INFLATABLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'9"*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *20 LBS.*

Our newest model, completely inflatable, with a 6 minute inflation time. The design has curved hull and side panels for paddling performance not found in other inflatables. Complete with spray skirt, sea sock, inflation pump, inflatable paddle float, skeg, pack bag.



HERON

$6,200

SKIN-ON-FRAME / FOLDING / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'7"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

Expedition kayak, with a long water line and raised clipper shaped bow, allows for greater cruising speeds, for long distance tours. Deep, long cockpit fits taller paddlers for easy entry and exit. Standard with double coated nylon spray skirt, sea sock, hatches, rudder, pack bag. Assembly: 30-40 minutes.



WISPER XP

$4,750

SKIN-ON-FRAME / FOLDING / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'7"*
WIDTH - *23.5"*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

Choice of Small or Large cockpit, standard equipment includes double-coated spray skirt, sea sock, rudder, pack bag. The narrow beam allows good cruising speed. There is gear storage for two week trips. Standard with pack bag, rudder, double coated skirt, sock and hatches. Assembly: 30 minutes.



BIG KAHUNA

$3,590

SKIN-ON-FRAME / FOLDING / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'9"*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *35 LBS.*

The larger cockpit is comfortable for all but the smallest of paddlers for ease of entry and exit. Very stable for novice paddlers. Rudder and hatches are options for two week trips. Standard with spray skirt, sea sock, pack bag. Assembly: 20 minutes.



KURRENT

$2,670-$2,970

SKIN-ON-FRAME / FOLDING / SOLO

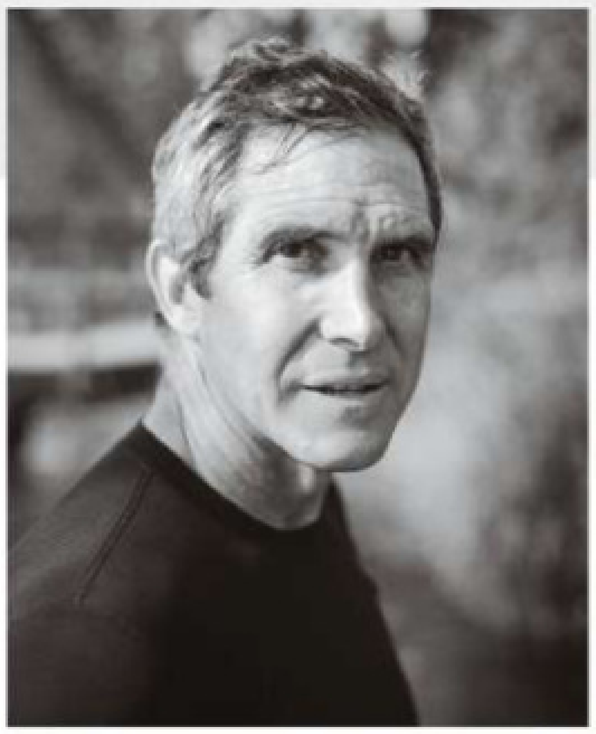
LENGTH - *13'1"*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *20 LBS.*

The lightest of the skin-on-frame models, for novice to intermediate, day trips or long weekends. Lighter weight deck and hull fabric require care when entering and exiting from rough terrain. Expedition-weight skin optional. Standard with spray skirt, sea sock, pack bag. Assembly: 20 minutes.

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GREG BARTON

CO-FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 54 / YEARS PADDLING: 44 / YEARS DESIGNING: 37

HOW DID YOU START PADDLING? My parents were marathon canoe racers, and my brother, sister and I all started at a young age. Very quickly we met Marcia Jones Smoke, who had won a Bronze medal in Olympic kayaking, and began flatwater sprint racing. I became an Olympian as well, winning four medals, including two golds in 1988—the K-1 1,000 meters and the K-2 1,000 meters with my partner Norm Bellingham.

HOW DOES YOUR RACING BACKGROUND INFLUENCE YOUR DESIGNS? I believe that competition really separates what works from what's a fad. That's given us the confidence to innovate. Conventional thought is that sea kayaks should have a long, rockered bow to perform in rough water. Yet surfski paddlers use boats with vertical bows in water that is way bigger and more technical than most sea kayakers will ever encounter. So we gave our 18X sea kayak a vertical bow, and other features borrowed from racing, including lightweight materials and the TrakMaster rudder modeled on the rudders in surfskis.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. My whole philosophy, and Epic's in general, is that we want people to have more fun out on the water. In my view, you're going to have the most fun if you're paddling something that's efficient and comfortable.

WHAT'S YOUR DESIGN PROCESS? I'll talk with my business partner, 12-time world surfski champion Oscar Chalupsky and others on my team. We decide what kind of boat we want to make, and for what kind of paddler. Then I'll start with the hull below the waterline—trying different shapes, checking the stability, and doing drag calculations. Once I find the sweet spot for the hull shape, we'll start looking at other features—how does it need to handle, what conditions it will be used in. Finally, we build a prototype and paddle it. I'm more the hands-on computer guy, and I count on Oscar for his experience. My background is flatwater, and his is open-ocean paddling. It's a nice blend.



V8

$2,395
3 LAYUPS: $2,395-$3,795

COMPOSITE

LENGTH - *18′*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *27 LBS.*

The V8 surfski has defined the beginner to intermediate surfski category, allowing new paddlers to the sport to master surfski skills very quickly. The V8 can fit paddlers from 5' to 6'7". Fully adjustable footbrace. Carry handles. Water bottle holder. Self bailer can be fully closed.

V10 SPORT

$2,395
4 LAYUPS: $2,395-$4,995

COMPOSITE

LENGTH - *20′*
WIDTH - *18.9″*
WEIGHT - *25 LBS.*

The V10 Sport design takes the intermediate surfski paddler to a new level of performance. The new V10 Sport is faster than the original V10 Sport in all conditions. Fully adjuststable footboard and self bailer. The NEW V10 Sport sets the the standard in the intermediate surfski category.

V6

$2,995
2 LAYUPS: $2,995-$3,895

COMPOSITE

LENGTH - *16′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

The V6 is a true hybrid. A surfski with sea kayak versatility. With 2 hatches and a fully adjustable bailer it can be paddled in all conditions. The perfect day cruiser or transitional kayak for people wanting to try surfski paddling while still being able to carry gear.

16X

$3,395
2 LAYUPS: $3,395-$4,395

COMPOSITE

LENGTH - *16′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

The 16X comes with a standard day hatch and kick up/retractable rudder. With a full waterline length of 16 foot and a beam of 23 inches, the 16X offers exceptional stability with the performance of much longer sea kayaks. Easy to handle and beautiful to paddle.

18X/18X SPORT

$3,395
3 LAYUPS: $3,395-$4,395

COMPOSITE

LENGTH - *18′*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

The 18X and 18X Sport have a standard day hatch and kick up/retractable rudder. The 18X and 18X Sport continue to be the No.1 choice for paddlers who want a high performance kayak, serious expedition paddlers, record setting attempts, and kayakers who pursue racing or fitness paddling.

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MOVE

$549

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′*
WIDTH - *29.75″*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

The Move is a great place to start your paddling adventures. Combine its lightweight hull and our patented Wheel in the Keel, moving the Move becomes easy for anyone, even the younger ones.

NOMAD

$699

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′6″*
WIDTH - *29.25″*
WEIGHT - *46.2 LBS.*

The Nomad is a great all around sit on top kayak for recreational use. It combines a large ergonomic cockpit, comfort seating system and proven hull design along with the patented Wheel in the Keel.

JUNTOS

$749

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *11′2″*
WIDTH - *30.5″*
WEIGHT - *60.6 LBS.*

The Juntos is perfect for the paddler who may want to bring along a smaller partner. The kayak has an integrated padded seat on the bow and features the patented Wheel in the Keel.

GEMINI

$899

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12′6″*
WIDTH - *32.5″*
WEIGHT - *70.5 LBS.*

Fast and fun for two, the Gemini is a excellent performing tandem kayak whether you are out exploring or just having fun with the family. The Gemini features the patented Wheel in the Keel.

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CORONA

$999

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13'1"*
WIDTH - *33.75"*
WEIGHT - *79.4 LBS.*

The ultimate family kayak, the Corona is comfortable, stable and versatile offering three different seating configurations—even solo. The Feelfree Corona features the patented Wheel in the Keel.



MOVE ANGLER

$599

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9'*
WIDTH - *29.75"*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

The Move Angler is the perfect fishing kayak for kids and smaller paddlers. Based off the Move, it features rod holders with security rod leashes as well as the Kingfisher seat and patented Wheel in the Keel.



MOKEN 10

$739

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'4"*
WIDTH - *35"*
WEIGHT - *60.6 LBS.*

The Moken 10 is stable, maneuverable and easy to transport thanks to the patented Wheel in the Keel. This is a kayak that everyone will appreciate regardless of skill level.



MOKEN 10 ANGLER

$799

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'4"*
WIDTH - *35"*
WEIGHT - *60.6 LBS.*

The Moken 10 Angler is based off the Moken 10 Standard but designed to put you on the fish with fishing rod holders, an innovative storage locker for your gear and the patented Wheel in the Keel.



MOKEN 10 LITE

$799

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'4"*
WIDTH - *31"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

The Moken 10 Lite is a nimbler version of the Moken 10 with added features such as the Uni-Track accessory system. Between its weight and patented Wheel in the Keel, getting around is a breeze!



MOKEN 12.5

$899

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'8"*
WIDTH - *32"*
WEIGHT - *72 LBS.*

The Feelfree Moken 12.5 is stable enough for standing and fast enough to handle inland and offshore waters complete with everything you need for fishing including the Uni-Track system, rod holders & the patented Wheel in the Keel.

MOKEN 14

$999

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'8"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *76 LBS.*

The Moken 14 is our fastest most seaworthy fishing kayak made for standing and speed with plenty of storage areas and offers the Uni-Track system, rod holders & the patented Wheel in the Keel.

LURE 10

$999

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *69 LBS.*

The Lure 10 is the compact brother of the Lure 11.5 designed for shorter trips on smaller waters without comprising features including the patent pending multi-level Gravity Seat, Uni-Track system and patented Wheel in the Keel.

LURE 11.5

$1,149

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'6"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *74 LBS.*

The Lure 11.5 features a super-stable hull, standing platform and the patent pending multi-level Gravity Seat for fishing in the standing or sitting positions. Also comes with the Uni-Track system and patented Wheel in the Keel.

LURE 13.5

$1,499

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'5"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *95 LBS.*

The Lure 13.5 is Feelfree's flagship product featuring the most feature rich kayak designed for the serious angler. In addition to all standard Lure features, the 13.5 also offers a removable Sonar and Electronic Pod (not shown).

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SANTEE 126 SPORT

$1,049
WITH CONSOLE: $1,099

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'6"*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

The Santee 126 Sport tracks like it's on rails, carves turns, and creates more fun than should be legal in most states. It also gives you ample room for fishing gear, photography equipment, and camping stuff in its roomy sport cockpit.

SKIMMER 128

$1,149
DELUXE ANGLER WITH RUDDER: $1,658

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'9"*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *47 LBS.*

With its touring style hull, the Skimmer 128 skims across the water, cuts through waves, and slices through chop. Oh, and it weighs in at 47 pounds, which raises the performance bar to a new level when you're tossing this bad boy on your racks.

SKIMMER 140T

$1,349

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *33"*
WEIGHT - *65 LBS.*

The new Skimmer 140 T, a lightweight tandem addition to our popular Skimmer Sit-on-Top Series. Paddlers have been begging for a lightweight alternative to the heavy two-person polyethylene sit-on-top on the market, so we put a tandem SOT deck on a proven lightweight hull design.

SOJOURN 135

$1,349
WITH RUDDER: $1,649

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'5"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

The Sojourn 135 is an exciting new day-touring kayak from Hurricane that will surprise and satisfy paddlers of all levels. With moderate rocker, a hard-chinned hull and deep-V keel, the Sojourn 135 will make you feel like a champion the minute you hit the water. In addition, the series features the Sojourn 126 and Sojourn 146.

TRACER 165

$1,699 *WITH SKEG*
WITH RUDDER/NO SKEG: $1,899

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'5"*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

When it comes to performance touring kayaks, Hurricane has upped the ante with the new Tracer 165. The redesign of this classic kayak has resulted in many deck improvements including a 5.5-inch day hatch just forward of the cockpit and integral deck lines for stiffness and subtle aesthetics. Skeg standard and rudder optional.

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HOBIE

OCEANSIDE, CA
760-758-9100 / HOBIECAT.COM



HOBIE QUEST 13

$1,179

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE /SOLO

LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *28.5″*
WEIGHT - *71.2 LBS.*

The Quest 13 is feature-filled for the dedicated fisherman. While the Quest 13 is ideal for touring and exploring, you only have to cast once to understand its value as a potent angling tool.



HOBIE MIRAGE OASIS

$3,449

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *14′6″*
WIDTH - *33″*
WEIGHT - *114.6 LBS.*

Long, feature-filled, and designed to perform just right, the Oasis boasts quick acceleration and impressive cruising speeds, without sacrificing its capacity for hauling gear.



HOBIE MIRAGE OUTBACK

$2,299

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′1″*
WIDTH - *33″*
WEIGHT - *91.3 LBS.*

A do-everything sporting powerhouse, Hobie's Mirage Outback is large enough to carry plenty of fishing tackle, camera gear or even a date night picnic, with exceptional hands-free maneuverability.



REVOLUTION 13

$2,299

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′5″*
WIDTH - *28.5″*
WEIGHT - *82.8 LBS.*

A cruiser capable of taking on boisterous water, the Revolution 13 is a smooth, stable kayak that feels like one—one oozing go-all-day creature comforts such as the Vantage CT seat.



PRO ANGLER 14

$3,199

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′8″*
WIDTH - *38″*
WEIGHT - *138 LBS.*

Fish be warned: the Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 14 excels at helping anglers land prizes of every fin, stripe and color.

Hobie



PRO ANGLER 17T

$5,299

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *43.5″*
WEIGHT - *230 LBS.*

The new Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 17T is a fishing machine with comfort, stability and room for everything you need, including another person. Plus, it's powered by the patented Hobie MirageDrive pedal system.



MIRAGE SPORT

$2,099

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′7″*
WIDTH - *29.5″*
WEIGHT - *66.3 LBS.*

The Mirage Sport is Hobie's most compact kicker, an easy to store and transport 9' long kayak.



MIRAGE OUTFITTER

$3,349

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12′8″*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *111.6 LBS.*

Fun alone and even more fun with a friend, the Hobie Mirage Outfitter is the ideal all-day boat.



MIRAGE ADVENTURE ISLAND

$4,499

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / PADDLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16′7″*
WIDTH - *44″*
WEIGHT - *142 LBS.*

An absolute joy on the water, the Hobie Mirage Adventure Island is an impressively approachable trimaran sailing kayak.

INNOVA

BURLINGTON, WA
360-707-2855 / INNOVAKAYAK.COM

INNOVA



SWING EX

$999

RUBBER-LINED LITEPACK / SIT-IN DECKED / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'6"*
WIDTH - *29"*
WEIGHT - *26 LBS.*

Longer and faster describe the exciting new Swing Expedition. Designed for experienced paddlers who want good boat speed and more gear capacity, the Swing EX is the portable kayak to have. Capacity 396 lbs. Innova makes two other Swing decked models, the Swing I at $599 and the Swing II double at $799.



SUNNY EX

$999

COATED NITRYLON RUBBER / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12'7"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *34 LBS.*

The Sunny can be setup either as a single or double by repositioning the seats and its included tracking fin. This open-deck kayak is versatile, comfortable, and fast. And like the other Innova models, the Sunny can be inflated with a simple manual air pump in about 5 minutes.



HELIOS I EX/II EX

$999 *II EX*, **$899** *I EX*

COATED NITRYLON RUBBER / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12'6" / 10'6"*
WIDTH - *30" / 30"*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS. / 33 LBS.*

For 6 years running, the Helios has been voted the "Best Inflatable Kayak" by readers of Sea Kayaker magazine. This double kayak is legal carry-on luggage packed standard in its drybag/backpack. Capable of sustained speeds of 3.7 knots, the Helios has a foot-controlled rudder option. A single-seat version of the Helios is also available.



SAFARI

$899

COATED NITRYLON RUBBER / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'*
WIDTH - *28"*
WEIGHT - *25 LBS.*

Want capability? The adventurer Kira Salak paddled a Safari kayak 600 miles down the Niger River to Timbuktu, unassisted. The Safari is the most versatile solo kayak. Because of its self-bailing design, you can surf the Safari, tour with it, or take the skeg off and run Class III whitewater.



TWIST I/II

$549 *I*, **$499** *II*

RUBBER-LINED LITEPACK / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'9"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *23 LBS.*

In it's bag, the Twist is about the size of a sleeping bag stuff sack. The Twist is the perfect pack-in kayak for fishing and hunting. The LitePack fabric is comfortable, surprisingly durable, and PVC-free. Twists are vailable in camouflage as well as other colors, and as both a single or a double kayak. Complete with tracking fin.

LIFETIME

CLEARFIELD, UT
800-242-3865 / LIFETIME.COM

LIFETIME



WAVE

$129

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *6′*
WIDTH - *24″*
WEIGHT - *18 LBS.*

The Wave is the best youth kayak out there! Its width and flat bottom make it extremely stable and maneuverable. The sloped back and swim-up step allows the paddler to easily climb back in after swimming. The lightweight design, affordable price and compact size make it a perfect starter kayak!



TAMARACK ANGLER

$399

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′*
WIDTH - *31″*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

The Tamarack Angler's combo hull design gives you the tracking and stability you need so you can focus on catching fish. This kayak is durable, UV protected, impact resistant and includes shock cord straps, multiple footrest positions, two flush rod holders, a top mounted rod holder and two 6" storage compartments.



AMPED

$499

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SUP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11″*
WIDTH - *32″*
WEIGHT - *47 LBS.*

The Lifetime Amped Paddleboard provides great stability and tracking in both surf and flat water and is perfect for the intermediate paddleboarder. It features a center carry handle, an EVA deck for great traction and a retractable fin for increased performance in diverse water conditions. Constructed of UV-Protected High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), the Amped is strong, durable, and fade resistant.



KOKANEE

$449

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *10′6″*
WIDTH - *36″*
WEIGHT - *76 LBS.*

The Kokanee tandem is a kayak your whole family will love! It has three seating positions with two quick release seat backs that can easily be moved for tandem or solo paddling. It is full of features such as shock cords, two storage hatches, easy-carry handles, and multiple footrest positions.



VOLT

$229

BLOWMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *8′5″*
WIDTH - *29″*
WEIGHT - *35 LBS.*

The Lifetime Volt is designed for safety, stability, and a whole lot of fun! Created with a budget-conscious entry-level paddler in mind, it features a cargo net, shock cord straps, multiple footrest positions, and an adjustable seatback. Transporting the Volt to and from the water is made much easier with a center carry handle. All in all, this sleek feature-filled design is sure to offer a great day on the water.

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MAD RIVER

GREENVILLE, SC
888-52-KAYAK / MADRIVERCANOE.COM

Mad River Canoe



EXPEDITION 176 UL

$3,105
WOOD GUNWALES: $3,455

COMPOSITE / ULTRALITE / TRIPPING / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17'6"*
WIDTH - *35.5"*
WEIGHT - *58 LBS.*

With beautiful aesthetics and a crisp feeling from every stroke, it's the rewarding experience discerning paddlers expect. The Expedition 176 is manuervurable yet maintains the speed, capacity, and seaworthiness for open water. The foam-core composite "ultralite" construction is incredibly lightweight, maximizing paddling efficiency on the water and minimizing portage burden.

SERENADE TR UL

$1,985
WOOD GUNWALES: $2,335

COMPOSITE / ULTRALITE / RECREATIONAL / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'1"*
WIDTH - *28.25"*
WEIGHT - *30 LBS.*

The Serenade TR UL features a traditional hung sliding seat, providing high paddling position suited for traditional-style canoeing. Its extremely light-weight foam-core composite "ultralite" construction and simple outfitting combine to create an extremely light and efficient hull, minimizing portage burden and taking performance on the water to a new level.

EXPLORER FGX

$2,255
ALUMINUM GUNWALES: $1,905

FIBERGLASS / RECREATIONAL / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'3"*
WIDTH - *34.5"*
WEIGHT - *64 LBS.*

Canoeists have chosen the Explorer as a family cruiser, fisherman's canoe, and more due to it's extraordinarily versatile, seaworthy shallow-vee hull. And it's now available in stiff, lightweight fiberglass composite construction, offering durability and efficiency for budget conscious canoeists. It's as close to an "all-purpose" canoe as you'll get.

MALECITE FGX

$2,205
ALUMINUM GUNWALES: $1,855

FIBERGLASS / TOURING / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'5"*
WIDTH - *34.5"*
WEIGHT - *61 LBS.*

Referred to as "poetry in motion," this timeless design is an unforgettable experience when combined with state-of-the art composite materials. The "spark" that has endeared the Malecite to multiple generations of paddlers is now available in stiff, efficient, durable, and moderately priced high performance fiberglass construction.

JOURNEY 156

$955
WOOD GUNWALES: $1,355

POLYETHYLENE / RECREATIONAL / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15'6"*
WIDTH - *37"*
WEIGHT - *83 LBS.*

The Journey 156 is a welcoming, care-free design that is at home at summer camp with plenty of sophistication and performance for a family of adventurers on multiple types of water. Crafted from 3-layer polyethylene, the Journey Series offers impressive capacity, a surprising turn of speed, and rock solid stability.

NECKY KAYAKS

OLD TOWN, ME
800-8-KAYAKS / NECKYKAYAK.COM

NECKY



VECTOR 13

$999.99
2 LAYUPS: 13, 14

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO
LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *29″*
WEIGHT - *59 LBS.*

Looking for a sit-on-top that is great for day touring and ideal for an overnight? The Vector 13 is the rare sit-on-top that paddles like a sit-inside touring craft, giving you the best of both water worlds. Indeed, it's a perfect blend of styles, with sit-on-top stability and sit-in performance.

RIP 10

$659.99
2 LAYUPS: 10, 12

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *10′6″*
WIDTH - *28.5″*
WEIGHT - *43 LBS.*

Bringing Necky's performance heritage to the recreational class. The Rip 10 is a lively, playful beginner to intermediate kayak designed for fun on the water. The Rip includes a built in drop down skeg making it both agile and maneuverable, but also a great straight tracking, touring boat as well.

MANITOU 14

$1,099.99
4 LAYUPS: 13, 130R, 14, SPORT

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *14′4″*
WIDTH - *24″*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

The Manitou 14 melds sea touring hull design with the stability and comfort of a recreational kayak, the Manitou 14 is it. These super sleek, clean-lined kayaks have an integral keel which provides the new or experienced paddler an outstanding blend of tracking, balance and maneuverability, even in windy conditions.

LOOKSHA 12™

$999.99
6 LAYUPS: 12, 12SI, 14, 17, ELITE, TANDEM

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / TOURING / SOLO
LENGTH - *12′1″*
WIDTH - *25.5″*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Paddle the Looksha 12™ once and you won't want to paddle anything else. The Looksha 12 is compact yet it features everything you need for a longer paddling adventure. The compact size and excellent maneuverability make the Looksha 12 a fun choice for coastal exploration and inland touring.

ELIZA

$1,599.99
COMPOSITE: $2,999-$4,499

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / TOURING / SOLO
LENGTH - *15′3.5″*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

Named after an island in Washington State's San Juan Islands, this kayak feels so good you never want to get out of it. Its compact cockpit makes you feel secure and firmly in control. Its balance of maneuverability and reduced drag will help you keep you gliding along effortlessly.

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NEW WAVE

WARSAW, NC
910-293-2941 / NEWWAVEKAYAKS.COM

NEWWAVE by hurricane



MARVEL 100

$689

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

Recreational paddlers will be amazed at the comfort and maneuverability the New Wave Marvel 100 offers. With a streamline hull, open cockpit and super comfy Airestream seat, paddlers of all sizes will find this marvelous little kayak a pleasure to paddle. The ultra comfortable open cockpit allows for plenty of room to move around, and features the Airestream seat system with higher back support and adjustable leg support. Just stash your necessities in the stern hatch, pop this 10-footer in the water, and away you go.



MARVEL 120

$769
WITH CONSOLE: $819

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'1"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

Are you itching for a stable kayak that offers amazing comfort and maneuverability at a reasonable price? Well look no further. At 12-feet long and 30-inches wide, The New Wave Marvel 120 offers recreational paddlers a stable but streamlined kayak with a generous cockpit and a playful soul. Outfitted with a rear hatch, fore & aft deck bungees, and comfortable Airestream seat, the Marvel 120 is a pleasure to paddle and has room for all your favorite accessories.



MARVEL 145T

$999

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *14'7"*
WIDTH - *31"*
WEIGHT - *68 LBS.*

You can paddle solo, but it takes two to tango, so if you're the type that prefers to dance on-water in tandem, the New Wave Marvel 145 T may be the kayak for you. You'll marvel at the fun you can have exploring with someone special—be it the dog, a kid, your spouse or just a special friend—and adjustable Airestream seats and padded thigh braces offer added comfort so you can focus on the joy of being together. A sleek, stable shape allows the Marvel 145T to slice through the water with ease and efficiency.

OCEAN KAYAK

OLD TOWN, ME
800-8-KAYAKS / NECKYKAYAK.COM

OCEAN KAYAK



FRENZY

$459.99

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *9′*
WIDTH - *31″*
WEIGHT - *44 LBS.*

Looking for compact, affordable fun for everyone in the family? The Frenzy offers stability and fun with the addition of a strong keel line for good tracking in a compact craft. Fun in the surf, riding waves or paddling calm waters. What's not to love?



MALIBU TWO XL

$849.99

2 LAYUPS: TWO, TWO XL

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13′4″*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *68 LBS.*

One of the most popular tandem kayaks we've ever made. Stable and versatile, it can be paddled solo or tandem. Fits two adults plus a small child or pet. The Malibu Two XL provides the stability and versatility that make it the perfect all-around family fun boat.



PROWLER BIG GAME II

$1,249.99

2 LAYUPS: PROWLER 13, BIG GAME II

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / FISHING / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′9″*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *70 LBS.*

Designed for anglers looking for a high capacity fishing kayak, the Prowler Big Game II offers ample room and outstanding stability without sacrificing performance. Six mounting brackets that allow the user to outfit the boat based on their personal specifications.



NALU 12.5

$699.99

2 LAYUPS: 11, 12.5

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SUP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′6″*
WIDTH - *30.5″*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

A sit-on-top you can stand up and paddle! The Nalu 12.5 motors across the water. This recreational SUP provides a great full-body workout and is perfect for the entry level to intermediate stand up paddler who is just getting into the sport. The Nalu is stable yet nimble and maneuverable.



TRIDENT II

$999.99

4 LAYUPS: 11, 13, 4.3, 4.7

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / FISHING / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11′5″*
WIDTH - *30.5″*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

At 11' this kayak blends stability with considerable weight capacity which most kayaks at this length can't claim. The Trident 11 is perfect for anglers who are looking for maneuverability over covering long distances in their quest. The Trident 11 features a bow hatch, large tank well and roomy cockpit.

NRS

MOSCOW, ID
800-635-5202 / NRS.COM



TYRANT

$995

PVC / SUP / SURFING

LENGTH - *9′*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *21 LBS.*

Built for surfing ocean and river waves, the small but feisty Tyrant shreds like no other inflatable board. Its aggressive lines and extra rocker make this the sportiest roll-up SUP on the planet. It's also a great board for kids.

CZAR

$1,195

PVC / SUP / SURFING

LENGTH - *9′6″*
WIDTH - *34″*
WEIGHT - *22 LBS.*

The big brother of the Tyrant, the Czar offers bigger paddlers a sporty inflatable board that can also carry the weight. Its extra buoyancy and aggressive design make it equally adept at surfing and downriver paddling, plus it's surprisingly fast on flatwater.

EARL 4

$995

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *10′6″*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *21 LBS.*

Built for efficient paddling and smooth turning, the Earl 4 gives you a sleek, swift ride for fitness paddling, flatwater cruising, river running and light surfing. It's a can't-miss choice for paddlers seeking one inflatable board that can do it all.

EARL 6

$1,195

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *10′6″*
WIDTH - *30″*
WEIGHT - *22 LBS.*

The Earl 6 gives you the same sleek, swift ride as the original Earl 4, but in a thicker design with more air volume for larger paddlers. Whether you're paddling for fitness, fun or thrills—on flatwater or waves—this board has you covered.

MAYRA

$1,095

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *10′6″*
WIDTH - *32″*
WEIGHT - *24 LBS.*

Designed for fitness-minded women, the Mayra inflatable SUP provides extra deck space and stability for better workouts on the water, whether paddling or practicing yoga. Its smooth foam deck pad provides a comfortable yoga platform, and a higher volume nose and tail add end-to-end stability without sacrificing efficiency.

NRS



IMPERIAL 4

$1,095

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *10'6"*
WIDTH - *32"*
WEIGHT - *24 LBS.*

The obvious choice for recreational paddlers seeking to paddle a little bit of everything, the Imperial 4 gives you a versatile, all-around board for fitness paddling, touring, or light river running.

IMPERIAL 6

$1,295

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *10'6"*
WIDTH - *32"*
WEIGHT - *25 LBS.*

The Imperial 6 gives you the same all-around versatility as the Imperial 4, but in a six-inch thickness with more air-volume for larger paddlers. This is a great board for the paddler seeking to do a little bit of everything.

BARON 4

$1,195

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *11'4"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *27 LBS.*

Long, wide and built to glide, the Baron 4 gives you a sturdy platform for flatwater cruising, touring, fitness paddling, river running, and even SUP yoga. Its broad, stable deck gives you room for gear (and pets), and the tapered tail makes it surprisingly agile for its size.

BARON 6

$1,395

PVC / SUP / TOURING

LENGTH - *11'4"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *28 LBS.*

The Baron 6 gives you the same performance as the Baron 4, but with extra buoyancy for carrying larger paddlers and more cargo. You'll love this board for flatwater cruising, touring, fitness paddling, river running and SUP yoga. It's great for bringing along kids and dogs, too!

ADVENTURER

$1,295

PVC / SUP / TOURING

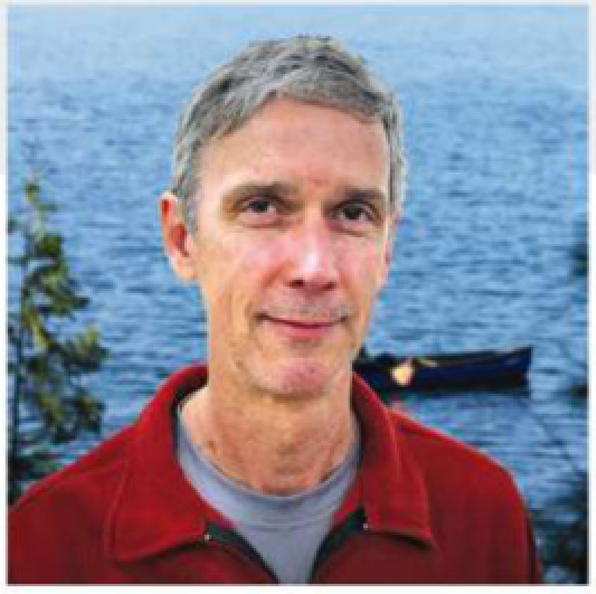
LENGTH - *12'6"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *26 LBS.*

The 12'6" NRS Adventurer Inflatable SUP Board is the best choice for paddlers looking to go farther and do more. You get the paddling efficiency, features and load capacity you need for longer day trips and overnighters.

OLD TOWN

OLD TOWN, ME
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BOB MCDONOUGH

LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 57 / YEARS PADDLING: 30+ / YEARS DESIGNING: 24

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. I like building user-friendly yet still high-performance hulls that are dialed-in to the specific category. I'm driven to understand and achieve the best possible comfort and ergonomics in a kayak or canoe.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO PADDLE? The Grand Canyon

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE BOAT THAT YOU'VE DESIGNED? It's always my latest one. Right now it's the Old Town Canoe Next. I've designed more than 80 boats, including whitewater kayaks, touring boats and canoes. So I guess I've had a lot of favorites over the years.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED BOAT DESIGN? I was involved early on in the development of whitewater and freestyle kayaks at both Perception and Dagger. Also, as an early squirt boater I was able to blend some of the performance characteristics of squirt boating into mainstream plastic whitewater boats as they became ever shorter and more freestyle oriented.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PROCESS. In the early days I began by hand-shaping a boat, then building a mold for a plastic boat and tweaking it as many times as needed. Currently, I use CAD to produce a CNC-cut (Computerized Numerical Control) foam master pattern. It still goes to a mold and testing, but shortens the process from six months to two weeks. You get the same end result, but it's like using a nail gun instead of a hammer.

WHAT'S YOUR PADDLING BACKGROUND? I was a competitive freestyle whitewater kayaker for 15 years and competed in many national and international competitions.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? I like creating user features and performance benefits that make boats stand out from the crowd. I also enjoy the challenge of fine-tuning a boat's performance while making sure it stays user-friendly—whether I'm designing a boat for experts or beginners.

Old Town
CANOES KAYAKS



NEXT

$999.99

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'*
WIDTH - *29"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

The design for the NEXT incorporates characteristics of both a canoe and kayak for a more natural paddling experience. It is ideal for using either a single-blade or double-bladed paddle. It comes in four bright, dynamic colors. Comfortable and effortless to paddle the NEXT is the perfect on-water escape.

DISCOVERY 158

$899.99
119, 133, 169, SPORT 15

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15'8"*
WIDTH - *35.5"*
WEIGHT - *87 LBS.*

Our Three Layer construction is designed to take a beating. But, the Discovery 158 is also designed to perform well on the water. Agile, stable and easy to handle, the Discovery 158 is a nice choice for the outdoor enthusiast.

SARANAC 146

$599.99
2 LAYUPS: 146, 160

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *14'6"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *79 LBS.*

The Saranac 146 canoe packs in a ton of features at a great price. From bow to stern the Saranac 146 provides versatility while delivering on fun. A great option for families, anglers or casual canoeists looking for a recreational canoe that performs well on the water.

PENOBSCOT 174

$1,099.99
2 LAYUPS: 164, 174

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17'4"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *83 LBS.*

The longest canoe in the popular Penobscot series, the 174 can track and glide through the water with ease. The Penobscot 174 is built to be durable and tough. Even when loaded down with gear, the Penobscot 174 is an efficient ride when paddling longer distances.

DISCOVERY 133

$999.99
119, 158, 169, SPORT 15

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13'3"*
WIDTH - *40.5"*
WEIGHT - *78 LBS.*

The Discovery 133 is a versatile canoe with unique features. Paddle it tandem from the bow and stern nylon web seats like any other double-ender. Row it effortlessly from the center oar sockets, or reposition yourself to the bow seat and use the forward oar sockets to ferry your passengers.

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CAMDEN 120

$799.99

2 LAYUPS: 106, 120

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'6"*
WIDTH - *28.5"*
WEIGHT - *51 LBS.*

The sporty Camden 120 is considered to be one of our luxury recreation models. Featuring our three layer design, super plush Active Comfort System 2 (ACS-2) Seat, a stern Click-Seal Hatch and our Support Track adjustable foot brace system the Camden 120 is a great choice for beginning to intermediate paddlers.



HERON 9 ANGLER

$459.99

9, 9 XT, 11 XT, TWIN, JR.

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *9'6"*
WIDTH - *28.5"*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

A sporty design, the Heron 9 Angler is an easy-to-paddle kayak that can maneuver perfectly into your favorite fishing spot. An affordable choice for casual anglers who are seeking a lightweight, compact kayak outfitted for fishing and cruising in calm waters.



VAPOR 12XT

$649.99

10, 10 XT, 10 AND 12 ANGLER

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *27.5"*
WEIGHT - *56 LBS.*

The Vapor 12XT is great for paddlers looking for a roomy cockpit and added volume. Extremely stable and easy to manuever. It comes equipped with the comfortable padded Comfort Flex Seat and a stern Click Seal Hatch, the Vapor 12XT is a great choice for sportsmen and recreational paddlers alike.



PREDATOR XL MINN KOTA

$2,699

3 LAYUPS: MX, 13, XL

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'2"*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *92 LBS.*

The Predator XL bridges the gap between fishing kayaks and bass boats. The combination of the Minn Kota motor and foot controlled rudder system allows you truly hands free fishing. Like the rest of the family, XL incorporates all the innovative Predator features that put anglers on top.



DIRIGO TANDEM

$999.99

106, 120, 106 AND 120 ANGLER

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15'3"*
WIDTH - *29.5"*
WEIGHT - *72 LBS.*

The Dirigo Tandem Plus features a breakthrough tandem design with two non-confining cockpit openings. In addition, you can bring along a third smaller passenger in the middle jump seat. And, if that's not enough versatility for you, move the stern seat forward to allow for solo paddling.

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SOUND 10.5

$455
3 SIZES: $405-$645

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *10'6"*
WIDTH - *29.5"*
WEIGHT - *46 LBS.*

The Sound 10.5 is a feature-rich sit-inside kayak at a friendly price. Built with a unique "stabilizer hull," the Sound is designed to enhance tracking and create a stable feel, especially when getting in and out of the boat.



STRIKER 11.5 ANGLER

$695
1 SIZE: $605-$695

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO
LENGTH - *11'6"*
WIDTH - *33"*
WEIGHT - *70 LBS.*

All the fun and control you would expect for recreation, but specifically designed with the angler in mind. A signature tri-hull offers great stability for anglers who prefer stand-up casting and accommodates a large weight capacity without compromising performance.



TRIBE 13.5

$705
3 SIZES: $505-$705

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM
LENGTH - *13'5"*
WIDTH - *33.75"*
WEIGHT - *67 LBS.*

This versatile sit-on-top features a three-seat configuration for up to two adults and a small child or pet. You also have the option to paddle solo from the center seat if you're alone! The 13.5 also features bow and stern storage areas with bungees for all of your storage needs.



EXPRESSION 15

$1,005
3 SIZES: $805-$1,005

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *57 LBS.*

The Expression 15 offers the forgiving handling and stability expected of a touring design with the performance of an expedition kayak. The progressive rocker delivers maneuverable handling for confident paddling in tight, technical waters, while the slightly larger cockpit and additional length make this kayak faster and roomier.



TRIBUTE 12 ULTRALIGHT

$1,255

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *24.5"*
WEIGHT - *TBD*

The rugged outdoors get a makeover with the sleek design of the Tribute 12 Ultralight. And this time looks aren't deceiving, this one's a true performer with stiff, ultralight construction that gives great control and speed for smaller paddlers.

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ANTON WILLIS

FOUNDER AND DESIGNER
AGE: 38 / YEARS PADDLING: 14 / YEARS DESIGNING: 7

HOW DID YOU GET INTO PADDLING? I grew up canoeing coastal rivers in northern California with my parents. Ironically I got into paddling more when I moved to San Francisco. I was curious about the ocean and started sea kayaking, in the bay mostly.

HOW DID YOU END UP DESIGNING BOATS? I'd never designed a boat before I started working on the Oru Kayak. I'm an architect by trade. As a designer I have always been drawn to boats. Boats are one of the things whose shape is most dictated by function but also one of the most beautiful things designed by man.

WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR THE ORU COME FROM? It was an interesting synergy. I moved into a small apartment in San Francisco and had to figure out a way to store my boat and at the same time I read an article about origami. I wondered if I could make a kayak out of a piece of paper and I folded one that night. I figured out the basics of boat design at the same time I figured out origami. It was a crash course.

WHAT INFLUENCED YOUR DESIGN PROCESS? I didn't really have any influences. I started from scratch. It was a very experimental and experiential thing, I think, compared to other boat designs.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE MOST INNOVATIVE THING ABOUT THE ORU KAYAK? Kayaks and origami have both been around for a very long time—but combining them yields something that's both futuristic and rooted in the past. Whenever someone sees the Oru Kayak unfold for the first time, there's a desfinite "wow" moment.



ORU KAYAK

$1,195

RECREATIONAL / FOLDING BOATS / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′*
WIDTH - *25″*
WEIGHT - *26 LBS.*

Our mission is to connect people to the outdoors—even those who live in cities. We combine high design with magical transformations, to create products that live anywhere and go anywhere. Our first product, a folding 12' kayak, has won numerous awards, and redefines what a kayak can be. The Oru Kayak magically folds out of a compact box. You can pack it in a trunk, check it on a plane, or hike it in to remote waters. In the water, it glides like a dream. On land, it takes just 5 minutes to fold into a 26 pound box.

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Oru Kayaks magically fold out of a compact box. You can pack them in a trunk, check them on a plane, or hike them in to remote waters.

On the water, they glide like a dream. On land, they're crazy light – only 26 pounds. They're rigid, sturdy, and amazingly durable.

Oru Kayaks are designed and made right here in California. We're proud to be part of a new wave of American manufacturing and innovation.



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ALV ELVESTAD

FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 69 / YEARS PADDLING: 40 / YEARS DESIGNING: 20

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED PADDLING? In 1977 a few friends and I bought canoes and went on a trip in the Lappland area of Norway and Finland. None of us had been on a canoe trip before, and we didn't know anything about the route, except that there was a blue line on the map almost all the way. Nearly 1,800 feet of drop over a 100-mile route makes a challenging trip. We had no accidents and became pretty good at lining – and I fell in love with wilderness travel by canoe.

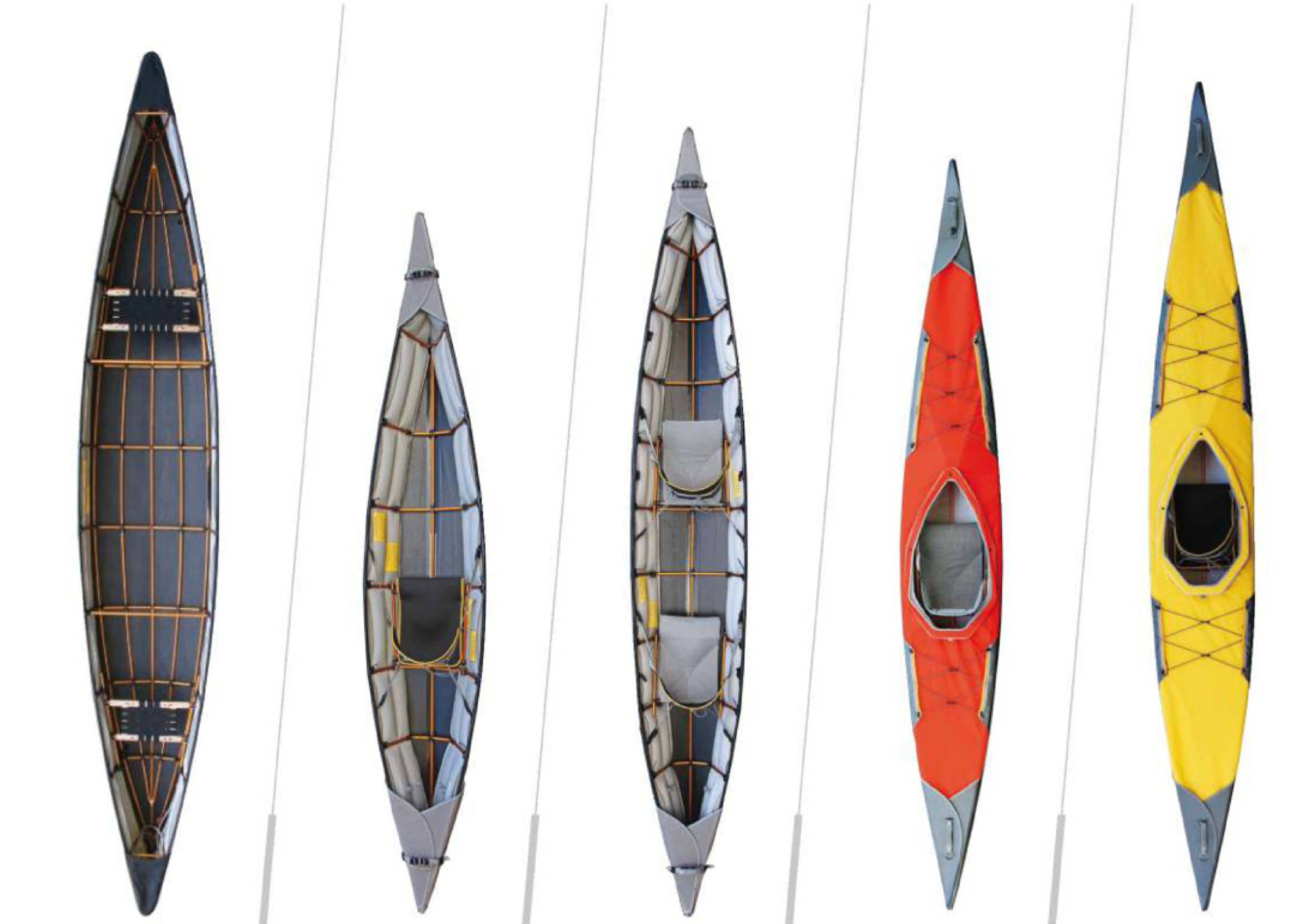
DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. Our designs have always been guided by input from expedition paddlers. No product is ever perfect, and we'll keep tweaking them to make them better. Standardizing parts has been a big focus as well. We've made many different models yet can supply spare parts for every boat we've sold in the last 20 years.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PAKCANOE DESIGN? The PakCanoe 150. It's a great expedition solo canoe and works well in small, rocky streams. Another favorite is the Puffin, which is inspired by the Wee Lassie, a small open canoe popular in the Adirondacks 100 years ago.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED CANOE DESIGN? We've made folding canoes accepted as expedition craft.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PROCESS. It's a lot of work with a sewing machine and a tube bender. It's an evolutionary process, using a combination of coated fabrics and aluminum tubing.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? Working with people who've been out on trips, and discussing what can be done to make the boats better. Sometimes, the focus is on preparing a canoe for an unusual expedition. Interaction with expedition paddlers is stimulating and a lot of fun.



PAKCANOE 165

$2,155

SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *32"*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

PakCanoe 165 is a sleek and compact wilderness tripper with capacity to carry two people and gear for a couple of weeks. It is narrow enough to be easy to paddle solo and it fits into a single bag for travel. Also available in the 15', 16', and 17' in addition to the 16.5' model shown.

PUFFIN SACO

$1,025

SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'8"*
WIDTH - *26"*
WEIGHT - *21 LBS.*

The 12.5 ft Saco offers good paddling performance. It tracks well and easily keeps pace with other recreational kayaks. The 21 pound weight makes it much more responsive than plastic kayaks weighing twice as much. Pack camping gear for a couple of days or just go exploring for the day.

PUFFIN SARANAC

$1,225

SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'6"*
WIDTH - *27"*
WEIGHT - *29 LBS.*

The Puffin Saranac offers the versatility to carry two people on day trips or one paddler with camping gear for a couple of weeks. Go fishing without a deck or add one of the optional decks (solo or double) for more protection.

QUEST 135

$1,515

SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'8"*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *29 LBS.*

Quest 135 is a "transitional" kayak—a long step up from recreational kayaks, yet lighter and more nimble than larger sea kayaks. Perfect for lighter paddlers who want a high-performance portable kayak. Fits into a compact bag with your paddling gear as a single piece of airline baggage.

QUEST 155

$1,595

SKIN-ON-FRAME / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'6"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

Quest 155 is a compact touring and travel kayak. Long enough for effortless cruising and roomy enough to hold overnight camping gear. An ideal travel companion when you need more than the smaller Quest offers. After a long day of paddling you will send some grateful thoughts to the quest outstanding seat.

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SPITFIRE

$2,895

CARBON, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *27.5" (24.5" AT RAILS)*
WEIGHT - *21-24 LBS.*

The SpitFire is a modern remake of the classic Adirondack pack canoe, shouldered to improve dryness and to allow more vertical paddle strokes. Offered with carbon/Kevlar gunwales or traditional cherry rails and molded carbon seats, it is the most sophisticated pack canoe ever designed. SpitFire is fun and functional for paddlers of all sizes and skill levels.

SPITFIRE 13

$2,950

CARBON, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'*
WIDTH - *29" (26" AT RAILS)*
WEIGHT - *23-26 LBS.*

Reviewed in the July 2010 issue of Canoe & Kayak, SpitFire 13 is a slightly higher capacity version of our popular 12' pack canoe. Great tracking, turning and glide all in a 23-pound package. The SpitFire 13 is ideal for larger folks or those who need to carry a lot of gear and still prefer a shorter boat.

RAPIDFIRE

$3,050

CARBON, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *27.5" (24.5" AT RAILS)*
WEIGHT - *25-29 LBS.*

The RapidFire is a pack canoe with stunning speed—a lightning-fast tripper that runs with sea kayaks. Asymmetrical hull shape, shear and rocker, and shouldered tumblehome combine in a wildly efficient and sophisticated package that glides, tracks, turns and handles wind and waves. The Rapid Fire may also be rigged as a single-blade tripper for smaller paddlers.

SHADOW

$3,095

CARBON, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *25" (21.5" AT RAILS)*
WEIGHT - *26-30 LBS.*

The Shadow combines the best features of a sea kayak (3" bow rocker, 1.5" stern) with those of a highly efficient solo canoe. Built for shorter trips and just plain fast fun, this one moves, easily cruising in the high 5- low 6- MPH-range with a proper power plant. This all comes in a 25-pound package.

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JOHN LOCKWOOD

FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 71 / YEARS PADDLING: 45 / YEARS DESIGNING: 41

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED PADDLING? I took up kayaking after I broke my hip in 1967 and was on crutches for eight years. I had been a wilderness freak, and to get back in to the wild while on crutches, I decided to solo kayak 900 miles down the Yukon River. In 1972 I spent 13 months touring and camping from a kayak in the Queen Charlotte Islands, where I designed and built my first stitch-and-glue kayak. I needed a durable kayak that was still light enough to drag behind me while on crutches.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. All my early kayaks were designed forwilderness touring and recreational kayaking.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PYGMY DESIGN? The Murrelet 4PD. Even at age 71 I can paddle it at its hull speed for extended periods of time. It's a great touring kayak which I've taken on numerous camping trips.

HOW HAVE YOU INFLUENCED KAYAK DESIGN? In 1985 I wrote the first commercially available plate expansion software. I used it to produce Pygmy kayaks, but it was sold primarily to big shipyards to computer cut steel plate for ocean-going hulls. In 1986, I became the first CAD/CAM stitch-and-glue boat manufacturer in North America. Our kayaks are known for handling wind and waves well, and paddling well without a rudder. Pygmy's design and manufacturing innovations opened the door for lightweight, wooden, stitch-and-glue kits to become more sophisticated and widespread.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PROCESS. All my boats are computer-designed with extensive computer modeling of design alternatives and their hydrostatics. Full-sized prototypes are then built and on-water tested. Some designs go through as many as three or four prototypes before being released.

PADDLING BACKGROUND. I spent two and a half years on the Queen Charlotte Islands, living out of my kayak every summer. In total I've spent 17 summers, from one to four months, paddling and gathering most of the food I ate. Mother Nature took care of me. Last summer, at age 70, I went back to Great Slave lake for the seventh time and paddled solo for a month, fishing and living simply by kayak. I hope to keep paddling as long as I can.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DESIGNING BOATS? Using them!



SELKIE

$1,079

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *22.5″*
WEIGHT - *29 LBS.*

Our newest design takes two of our most popular boats (the Tern 14 and Murrelet) and marries them into an elegant, extremely light-weight boat. The Selkie is a hard-chinned 14′ boat designed for petite paddlers or those who want a low volume play kayak for day paddling & surf.

MURRELET

$1,169
4 LAYUPS: $1,149-$1,185

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *22″*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

Svelte and fast, the Murrelet is our most popular touring kayak. Her low rear deck and rear cockpit height are designed for easy Greenland rolling and re-entry. Customize your kit by choosing from 4 decks, 2 cockpits & 2 hulls. Hull-V1 tracks strongly and hull-V2 is rockered for high maneuverability.

ARCTIC TERN 14

$969

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

The Arctic Tern 14 has been called "A godsend for smaller boaters." Her low wetted surface and low frictional drag give her excellent cruising speed. Her nimble handling, coupled with straight tracking, make her great for light touring and surf. At only 32 lbs., she's extremely easy to cartop.

ARCTIC TERN 17 / ARCTIC TERN HI

$1,089
2 LAYUPS: $1,059-$1,089

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

Voted "Best Kit Kayak", she tracks well, carves leaned turns and behaves herself in wind and waves. Review: "The hull design is top-notch, combining superb rough-water handling, good tracking, turning, and outstanding surfing ability for a touring kayak." The high-volume adds 1.5" of deck height for larger paddlers.

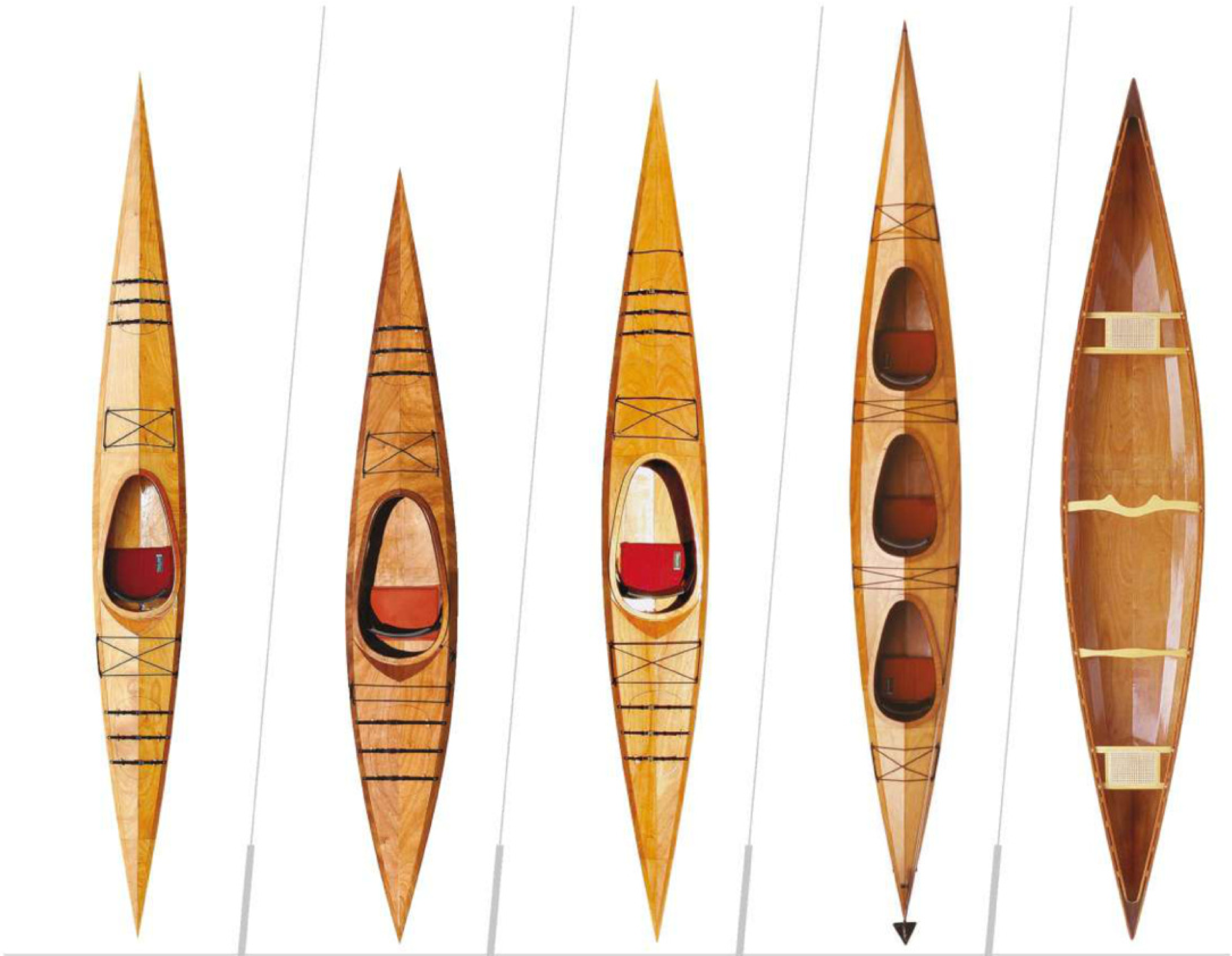
OSPREY 13 / OSPREY STANDARD

$1,099
2 LAYUPS: $899-$1,099

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′-15′.7″*
WIDTH - *22-24″*
WEIGHT - *26 & 38 LBS.*

The Osprey Std. couples strong tracking with good stability. Review: "One of the most comfortable boats I've ever paddled. I felt secure in it immediately and after 10 miles felt like I'd hardly done any work." The Osprey-13 is designed for smaller paddlers with more maneuverability (up to 5'3"/120 lbs).



COHO/COHO HI

$1,129
2 LAYUPS: $1,129-$1,159

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO
LENGTH - *17'6"*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

Voted "Best Wooden Kayak", the Coho has been one of our best-selling touring kayaks for more than fourteen years. Review: "The Coho is my hands-down favorite. The combination of light weight and superb handling make this a wonderful boat." The high-volume adds 1.5" to deck height for larger paddlers.

PINGUINO

$1,109
3 LAYUPS: $1,059-$1,129

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO
LENGTH - *13'-14'.5"*
WIDTH - *25.5"*
WEIGHT - *33 & 36 LBS.*

For the past 4 years the Pinguino has been our best-selling kayak. Her stability, large cockpit option, maneuverability, light weight and excellent paddling efficiency makes her perfect for fishing, photography and messing about. Though a recreational kayak at heart, she performs beautifully in surf and has enough volume for touring.

BOREALIS XL

$1,169

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / SOLO
LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *25.5"*
WEIGHT - *43 LBS.*

Our Borealis XL design combines the raked bow and stern and sweeping sheer line of a Greenland-style kayak with the performance, beauty and efficiency of our famous multi-chine hulls. Designed for paddlers weighing 230-325 lbs. Her extra large 19"x36" cockpit provides the ease of entry that bigger paddlers need.

OSPREY DOUBLE / OSPREY TRIPLE

$1,559
2 LAYUPS: $1,449-$1,559

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TANDEM
LENGTH - *20'*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *60 & 62 LBS.*

Weighing only 60 lbs, both the Double & Triple are a pleasure to paddle and easy to load. The 30" beam holds you steady in rough water. The Triple is a great choice for families with small children or large dogs. It can also be paddled solo from the center cockpit.

TAIGA WILDERNESS TRIPPER CANOE

$1,439

WOOD COMPOSITE / KITS AND PLANS / TOURING / TANDEM
LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *35"*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

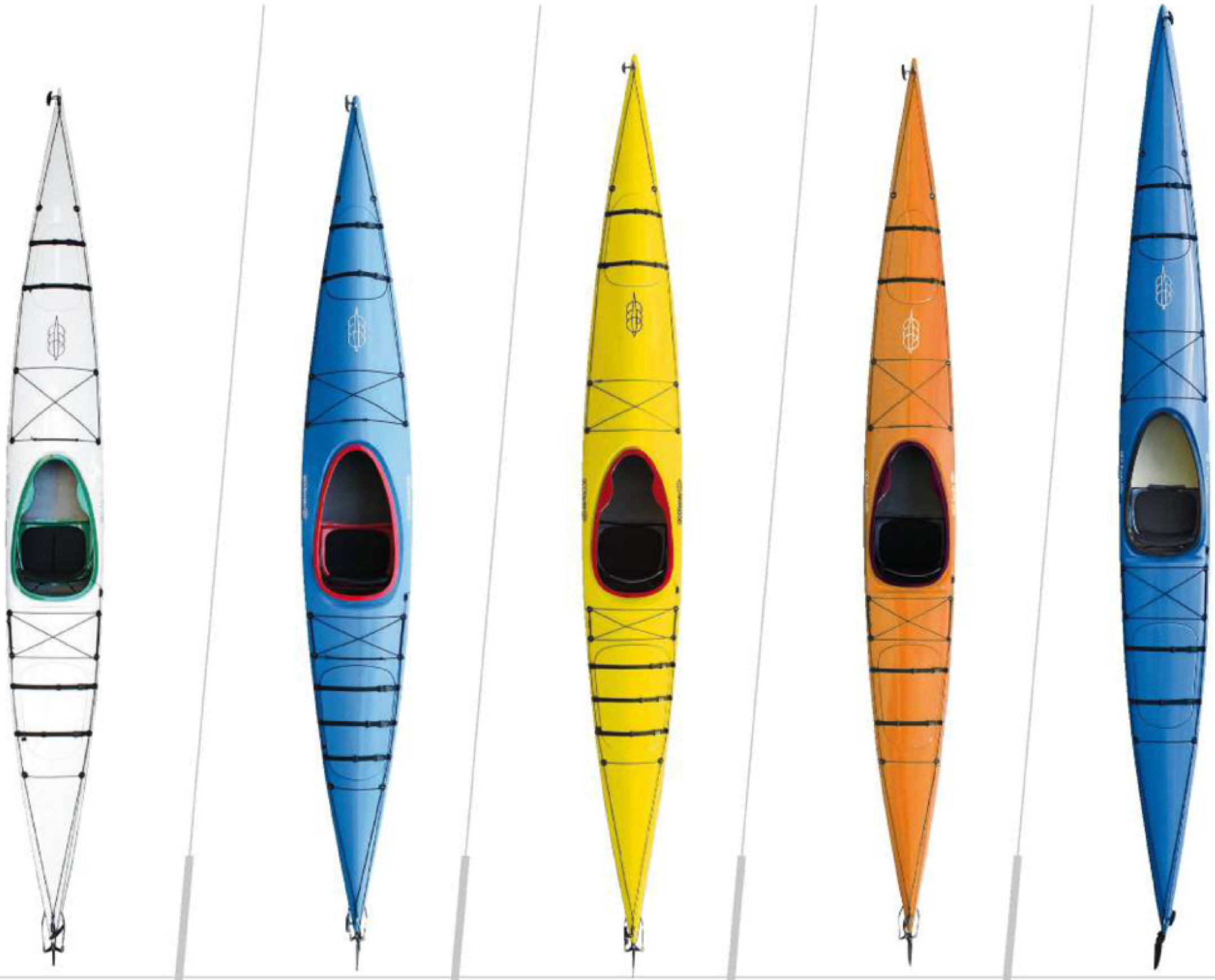
Designed for extended wilderness travel, the Taiga tracks nicely and displays good manners in a variety of conditions. C&K Review: "The finished product draws admiring stares and it handles well on the water too. Final stability is outstanding. In strong wind and waves, the hull felt reassuring and secure."

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Q10X

$2,999
4 LAYUPS: $2,999-$3,899

COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'3"*
WIDTH - *21"*
WEIGHT - *39-48 LBS.*

The Q10X is a performance kayak designed specifically for the smaller paddler, under 150 lbs. Based on the design of our incredibly popular Q600X, but engineered down in length and volume to deliver the same paddling experience.

Q400X

$3,899
4 LAYUPS: $2,999-$3,899

COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'3"*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *42-50 LBS.*

A kayak to do just about everything! It performs well for kayakers from 120 to 200 lbs. and it is the easiest paddling kayak we make up to 4.5 knots, and that's cruising. Regardless of experience you'lll find the Q400X a fast, fun and well behaved craft in all conditions.

Q500X

$3,899
4 LAYUPS: $2,999-$3,899

COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'10"*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *42-50 LBS.*

A performance kayak for larger kayakers. Paddles very efficiently even when loaded up to 325-350 lbs paddler plus gear. The Q500X blends speed and stability with style and comfort. The Q500X is so comfortable for extended paddles and it has become the favorite Great Lakes guide boat.

Q600X

$3,899
4 LAYUPS: $2,999-$3,899

COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'8"*
WIDTH - *21"*
WEIGHT - *40-50 LBS.*

The Q600X is ideal for paddlers weighing 130-160 lbs looking for a narrow beam performance kayak. Its 21" beam allows comfortable paddle even with narrow shoulders. It is an extremely efficient and fast kayak with great maneuverability. This is a boat that is extremely user-friendly for a narrow beam kayak.

Q700X

$2,999
4 LAYUPS: $2,999-$3,899

COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *18'*
WIDTH - *21"*
WEIGHT - *41-52 LBS.*

The Q700X may be the fastest touring kayak available today. The pinnacle of John Winters' kayak design work—the Q700X is dry, maneuverable and fast, fast, fast! It is very controllable in short, steep chop and also surfs well. The ultimate fast touring sea kayak.



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COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *14′*
WIDTH - *23″*
WEIGHT - *35 LBS.*

Patented design/technology offers greatest control and maneuverability of any boat in its class. Standard or low profile. Rudder comes standard. Paddlers up to 150 lbs. To see unique patented hull design & profile go to rawsonboat.com. Mention ad get free skeg installation.

TANGENT 14.50

$1,395

PERFORMANCE RECREATION;
PATENT NOS. 8656854, D569780
COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *14′6″*
WIDTH - *27″*
WEIGHT - *65 LBS.*

Patented design/technology offers greatest control and maneuverability of any boat in its class. Standard or low profile. Rudder comes standard. Converts 2 to 1 paddler; removable seat; multi-seat adjustable foot pedal rudder control. To see unique patented hull design & profile go to rawsonboat.com.

TANGENT 15

$1,295

PERFORMANCE RECREATION;
PATENT NOS. 8656854, D569780
COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *15′*
WIDTH - *24″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

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TANGENT 15.20

$1,345

PERFORMANCE RECREATION;
PATENT NOS. 8656854, D569780
COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *15′*
WIDTH - *27″*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

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TANGENT 16.10

$1,495

PERFORMANCE RECREATION;
PATENT NOS. 8656854, D569780
COMPOSITE / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO
LENGTH - *16′*
WIDTH - *27″*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

Patented design/technology offers greatest control and maneuverability of any boat in its class. Standard or low profile. Rudder comes standard. Paddlers up to 240 lbs. To see unique patented hull design & profile go to rawsonboat.com. Mention ad get free skeg installation.

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INTRIGUE MK-II

$2,399

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15′*
WIDTH - *28″*
WEIGHT - *65 LBS.*

The SUV of Kayaking has arrived in that our MK II delivers the performance and utility of a minivan. The ability to turn with ease also allows paddlers to utilize the MK II in difficult-to-navigate environments such as rivers and marshes, the favourite place for kids or fishermen to explore.



INTRIGUE

$1,249
WINDOWLESS: $1,049

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′2″*
WIDTH - *29″*
WEIGHT - *38.8 LBS.*

The Intrigue is a stable kayak easily stowed on small and large yachts alike. A 'dry ride' and spacious cockpit provide the paddler with a great experience making them wish for more. A large open cockpit centers this amazing platform with the polycarbonate window revealing the ocean's secrets below.



EDGE 14.5

$999
THERMOFORMED: $1,749
COMPOSITE: $2,499

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14′6″*
WIDTH - *21.6″*
WEIGHT - *60 LBS.*

With its slender bow and slim deck profile, the rudder-equipped Edge 14.5 is where elegance and efficiency cross paths: with just the right amount of chine and keel to track well, yet has a swift, versatile character and it has most of the features sea kayaks call their own.



EDGE 13

$1,499
ROTOMOLDED: $899
COMPOSITE: $2,399

THERMOFORMED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′11″*
WIDTH - *24.6″*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

The Edge 13 thermo boasts a bundle of features that would make any sea kayak blush with envy like its light weight thermoformed construction. The Edge 13 Thermo hull has immense primary and secondary stability, allowing paddlers to enjoy a comfortable and predictable paddle outing.



EDGE 11

$749
THERMOFORMED: $1,399
COMPOSITE: $2,199

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10′10″*
WIDTH - *27.5″*
WEIGHT - *52.4 LBS.*

Low on the water, the stable and agile Edge 11 literally feels like a shrunk-down sea kayak thanks to its progressive chine and a generous yet sleek outline. the skeg lets you focus on destination, while the front deck rigging and rear watertight compartment take care of your belongings.

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OCEAN QUATRO

$889
2 LAYUPS: $899-$1,039

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13'5"*
WIDTH - *35.5"*
WEIGHT - *75 LBS.*

The Ocean Quatro is designed for 1, 2, 3 or 4! A great choice for rentals and families. At home on flat water and ocean, stackable, stable, loads of room—even two can fish. Angler version available.



TEMPO

$875
2 LAYUPS: $875-$899

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'8"*
WIDTH - *26.4"*
WEIGHT - *53 LBS.*

The Tempo is a Fast, Touring Sit on Top. Excellent tracking and speed for both sea and river. Comfortable for larger paddlers, great diving and fishing platform. Angler version available.



ABACO

$1,259
2 SIZES / 3 LAYUPS: $1,159-$1,365

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'8"*
WIDTH - *29.9"*
WEIGHT - *72 LBS.*

Fast, silent, stable, The Abaco travels anywhere your fish are—rivers, lakes, inshore or open seas. For all anglers, experienced and rookies. New for 2015: the Abaco mounted with a Torgeedo engine!



VERSO

$769
3 LAYUPS: $769-$1,115

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'1"*
WIDTH - *25"*
WEIGHT - *50 LBS.*

The ultimate touring kayak! Compact, stable, versatile, the Verso also offers the ultimate in seat comfort, easily adjustable for all paddlers. For anglers—optional rod holders available.



SUP 10'

$679

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SUP

LENGTH - *10'*
WIDTH - *33.8"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Our Extra Strong SUP is ideal for rental shops and schools! Hard-wearing polyethylene, abrasion resistant, unbreakable elastomer fin AND easy to carry.

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SE370 SPORT

$329
3 LAYUPS: $329-$489

PVC / INFLATABLE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *12'6"*
WIDTH - *34"*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

Only 32 lbs, the SE370 has a large carrying capacity of 3 people or 650 lbs. You can take along enough gear for that long weekend fishing trip, camping adventure or river running voyage. Form and function make the Sea Eagle 370 America's most popular inflatable kayak.



393RL RAZORLITE DS

$1,149
2 LAYUPS: $1,149-$1,199

PVC / INFLATABLE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'10"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *27 LBS.*

A lighter, narrower and faster to paddle, high performance solo kayak for the adventurer. With a tapered, hard-nose bow and stern, and fully constructed with drop stitch technology, the 393RL cuts through waves cleaner, straighter and sharper than any other kayak on the market allowing paddling speeds upto 5.5mph.

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S12

$2,030
4 LAYUPS: $1,595-$3,055

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *25.6"*
WEIGHT - *34.4 LBS.*

The Stellar 12' (S12) Recreational Kayak is a great transitional boat. Great primary stability and tracking with efficient hull lines provide confidence and performance to those who paddle it. The over sized cockpit opening make it easy to enter the boat and its light weight is effortless to carry.

S14-LV

$2,220
4 LAYUPS: $1,825-$3,780

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *13'9"*
WIDTH - *22.2"*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

The Stellar 14' Low Volume (S14-LV) Touring Kayak is in response to demand for a smaller version of our popular S14. Designed for speed and stability for small to medium sized paddlers for touring and fitness paddling, the S14-LV has the speed of a much longer boat.

S14

$2,220
4 LAYUPS: $1,825-$3,780

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'3"*
WIDTH - *23.6"*
WEIGHT - *36 LBS.*

Unlike any other boat of this length, the Stellar 14' (S14) Touring Kayak has the speed of a much longer boat, but beginners can feel comfortable paddling it. Two water tight hatches allow for ample storage for day and overnight trips, while the retractable skeg helps with tracking.

S15

$2,470
4 LAYUPS: $2,060-$4,240

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SURFSKIS / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'1"*
WIDTH - *21.6"*
WEIGHT - *36.41 LBS.*

The Stellar 15' (S15) Touring Kayak was designed for speed and stability for small to medium sized paddlers for touring and fitness paddling. The hull has long water lines and a soft chine and with a moderate concavity along the keel of the bow and stern to help with tracking.

S16

$2,590
4 LAYUPS: $2,140-$4,540

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *38.6 LBS.*

The Stellar 16' (S16) Touring Kayak was designed for speed and stability for long distance tours. We added a moderate concavity along the keel of the bow and stern to help with tracking in rough conditions. For windy days and following seas, use the drop-down rudder off the stern.

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S14S

$2,555
4 LAYUPS: $1,950-$4,650

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO
LENGTH - *14'3"*
WIDTH - *24.7"*
WEIGHT - *34.2 LBS.*

The Stellar 14' Surf Ski (S14S) is a sit-on-top kayak that makes entry and exit a breeze by eliminating the need to squeeze into a cockpit. The steering system is comfortable and responsive, keeping you on track! Two water tight hatches allow for modest storage for day tripping and overnight adventures.

S18S

$2,750
4 LAYUPS: $2,060-$4,900

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SURFSKIS / SOLO
LENGTH - *18'*
WIDTH - *21"*
WEIGHT - *35.3 LBS.*

The Stellar 18' Surf Ski (S18S) is an entry level surf ski with great top end speed, along with the stability that you have come to associate with a Stellar. With 2 dry storage compartments, the S18S is not only a Surf Ski, but also a capable touring kayak.

SEI

$2,750
4 LAYUPS: $2,110-$5,150

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SURFSKIS / SOLO
LENGTH - *20'3"*
WIDTH - *18.1"*
WEIGHT - *32.2 LBS.*

The Stellar Elite Intermediate (SEI) Surf Ski provides paddlers with an all condition boat that has high top-end speeds as well as great stability. Derived from the Stellar Elite, the SEI is also an excellent choice for experienced paddlers looking to refine their technique in heavy seas without losing speed.

SR

$2,750
4 LAYUPS: $2,110-$5,150

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SURFSKIS / SOLO
LENGTH - *19'3"*
WIDTH - *18.9"*
WEIGHT - *32.2 LBS.*

The New Stellar Racer (SR) is designed to be stable and fast for those paddlers looking to transition from a touring kayak or those who want more stability from a surf ski in rough conditions. A greatly narrower catch and reduced volume footwell help to modernize this popular surf ski.

ST21

$4,040
4 LAYUPS: $3,195-$6,350

FIBERGLASS, SORIC CORE, EPOXY RESIN / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *21'4"*
WIDTH - *22.4"*
WEIGHT - *55.1 LBS.*

The Stellar 21' Tandem (ST21) Sea Kayak has an efficient hull and a narrow catch. Our durable, yet light weight laminates make the ST21 at home racing or on long tours quickly eating the miles. 2 storage hatches and 3 bulkheads provide ample storage and thigh braces add support.

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NOLIN VEILLARD

MANAGING DIRECTOR
AGE: 41 / YEARS PADDLING: 13 / YEARS DESIGNING: 9

WHEN DID YOU START PADDLING? I grew up in Saskatchewan so I did some canoeing as a kid, but I really got the bug when I lived in San Francisco. Seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf and the rest of the city from the water was such a unique vantage point. Now I paddle often. I paddle the Upper Kananaskis Lakes in the Rocky Mountains, and take the Seeker with me whenever I travel, like I did in the Philippines, Vancouver Island and Lake Titicaca in Peru.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TRAK KAYAK? Well it's currently our only boat, the Seeker ST 16. It offers portability without compromise. It paddles and feels more like a hardshell than any other portable kayak. It's really easy to set up. Our benchmark was that we wanted a 13-year old to be able to set it up in 20 minutes or less on their first try. And it's the only kayak that can shape shift on the fly for different paddler preference or changing conditions.

WHAT CHALLENGES DID DEVELOPING THIS BOAT PRESENT? It took us years of research to find the materials that could create the system and deliver the reliability we are committed to.

HOW HAS THE SEEKER CHANGED THE WAY PEOPLE PADDLE? It gives paddlers the opportunity to kayak in more environments. Because you can take the Seeker on any airline as checked baggage, it's being taken to some pretty unique destinations. It's convenient—you can keep it in the back of your vehicle and are more likely to bring it on holidays because it doesn't have to be strapped to a roof. Then if a unique opportunity pops up you can set it up in 10 minutes and go for a spontaneous paddle.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PADDLING? There's a real joy we get every time we paddle. As humans we're 70 percent water. When we get on the water I think there's an energy shift that happens. It's like therapy. I know the world would be a better place if more people experienced that.





TRAK SEEKER ST16

$3,499

SKIN-ON-FRAME / FOLDING BOATS / SOLO

LENGTH - *16′*
WIDTH - *22.5″*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

This is the traveler's kayak: portability without compromise. The Seeker ST 16 is a go-anywhere, go-anytime kayak. Store it in your closet, pack it in your trunk, check it on the plane and shake it out in 10 minutes or less. This may be the only kayak you'd ever need: all the advantages of a folding kayak, with the easiest set-up on the market, the durability and performance of a hard shell and it fits in a rolling travel bag. True portability and real performance. Where in the world do you want to paddle?

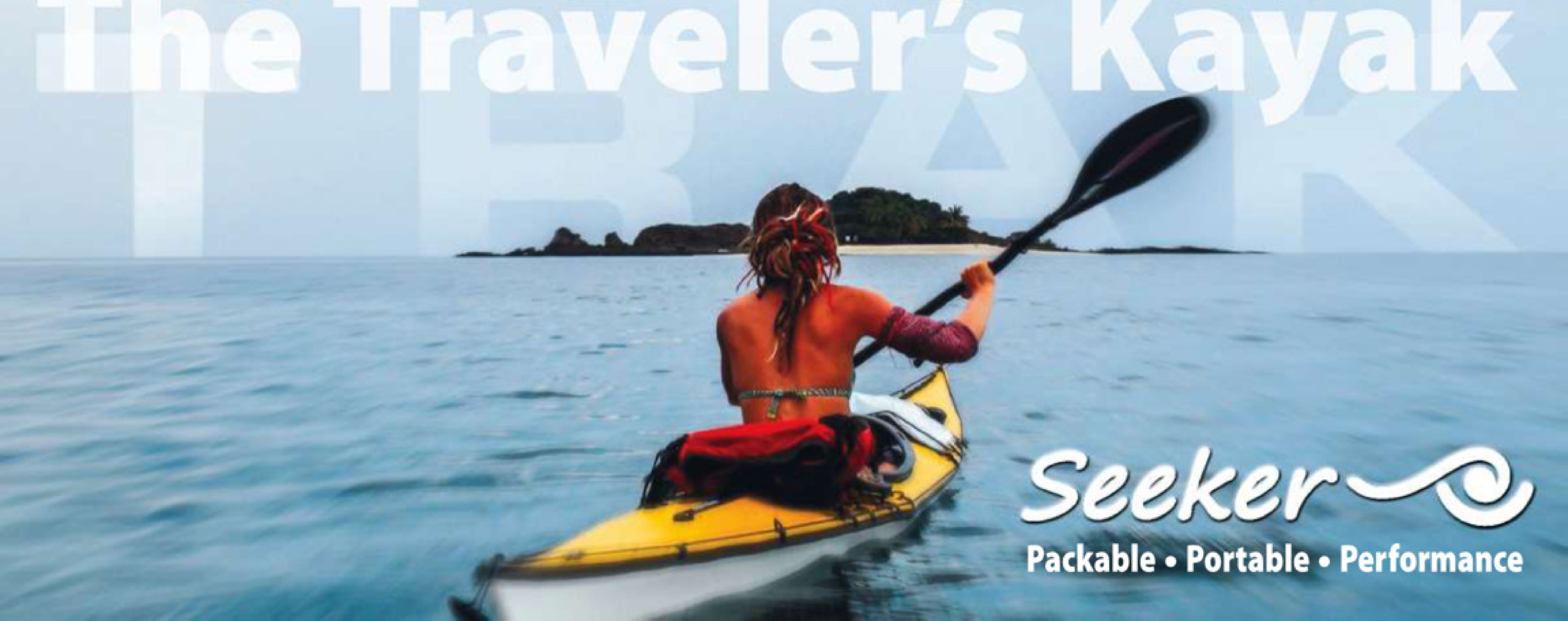








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ASPIRE 105

$755
2 SIZES: BOTH $755

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *10'6"*
WIDTH - *29"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Delivering the high performance standards that Wilderness Systems is known for with a perfect balance of responsive handling and reliable stability, the Aspire 105 is sized for medium to larger sized paddlers and is an excellent choice for paddlers looking for the opportunity to expand beyond flat water.



PUNGO 120

$875
3 SIZES: $715-$1,245

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'*
WIDTH - *29"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

Experience the engineering and performance of our best-selling recreational kayak. Combining the efficiency and speed of a touring kayak with an impressive balance of stability and comfort features such as a roomy cockpit and Phase 3® AirPro outfitting, the Pungo was made to get you there.



TSUNAMI 140

$1,175
8 SIZES: $1,025-$2,905

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *24"*
WEIGHT - *53 LBS.*

Whether you're just approaching the sport or are a seasoned traveler, the Tsunami family of kayaks is always a solid and exciting choice. Accessible and lenient, yet playful and quick, there's no wonder why these classic touring models are so wildly popular and perfect for all skills levels.



FOCUS 150

$1,645 *WITH RUDDER*
3 SIZES: $1,425-$1,645

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'*
WIDTH - *23"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

An advance in touring design that delivers a high performance blend of stability and predictability with unparalleled tracking and speed, the Focus will help you master any water environment. With patented Phase 3® AirPro seating and multiple hatches, this is your go-to boat for day trips or overnight excursions.



TEMPEST 170

$1,635
3 SIZES: $1,635-$3,105

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *22"*
WEIGHT - *57 LBS.*

Achieve the pinnacle of performance with the most highly acclaimed sea kayak on the market. Stunning in both style and execution, the Tempest is the apex expedition kayak. Advanced paddlers will relish in the stunning fusion of performance capabilities, storage capacity, creature comforts, and overall aesthetic of these boats.

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COMMANDER 140

$1,105
2 SIZES: $1,005-$1,275

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / HYBRID / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'*
WIDTH - *31"*
WEIGHT - *69 LBS.*

The Commander blurs the lines between kayak and canoe; sit-on-top and sit inside; recreational and performance. With even more storage space, legroom, capacity, and speed than the Commander 120, this is the ultimate hobby machine for the casual and the enthusiast. Also available in Angler configurations.



THRESHER 140

$1,405
2 SIZES: $1,405-$1,725

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'3"*
WIDTH - *28.75"*
WEIGHT - *75 LBS.*

The Thresher series ushers in the next generation of high performance big water sit-on-tops. The hull is efficient and quick, yet stable and predictable to handle ever-changing open water conditions. The deck is sleek and modern, with a thoughtful layout for maximum gear storage, capacity and accessibility.



PAMLICO 135T

$925
2 SIZES: $925-$1,295

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-INSIDE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *13'6"*
WIDTH - *31"*
WEIGHT - *72 LBS.*

The best-selling Pamlico 135T kayak offers high performance for pairs. The tandem outfitting system features upgraded seating and adjustability options for more comfort and customization than ever before. Get ready to experience what best-in-class feels like.



TARPON 120

$935
4 SIZES: $715-$1,395

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *12'3"*
WIDTH - *30"*
WEIGHT - *63 LBS.*

The Tarpon 120 features an array of performance capabilities to meet any paddler's needs. While storage and stability are hallmarks, glide and play attributes aren't sacrificed in the engaging hull design. Especially popular with anglers, the Tarpon is the ultimate workhorse for those looking to take on any water environment.



RIDE 115X MAX ANGLER

$1,525
2 SIZES: $905-$1,525

ROTOMOLDED PLASTIC / SIT-ON-TOP / SOLO

LENGTH - *11'6"*
WIDTH - *33"*
WEIGHT - *84 LBS.*

The Ride is an iconic sit-on-top—popular amongst anglers and recreational paddlers alike—known for its stability, capacity and nimble characteristics. The Ride 115X MAX Angler is a true fishing machine with fully customizable features, including the new Phase 3® AirPro MAX high/low seat and removable electronics console.

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MIKE CICHANOWSKI

FOUNDER AND LEAD DESIGNER
AGE: 66 / YEARS PADDLING: 55 / YEARS DESIGNING: 50

WHAT WAS THE FIRST BOAT YOU BUILT? It was a 17-foot Cedar-strip tripping canoe. I built it in my dad's garage in high school. My friends and I mapped out a trip on some old Indian trade routes. We bought an old car, put two boats on the roof and drove up there. We sold the car for 20 bucks and started paddling back.

At that time I was still working at the grocery store, and he wouldn't give me the time off, so I quit. I've never had another job since. I made my way through college building boats and fixing a few canoes. After college I decided I could maybe make a living out of this. That was the beginning of Wenonah canoe.

HOW DID YOU START PADDLING? Boy Scouts got me paddling. A few years ago they made me a Distinguished Eagle, which is an honor given to Eagle Scouts who attain prominence in their chosen field. Bill Gates, Steven Spielberg and all the astronauts who were Eagles are Distinguished Eagles. Cliff Jacobson is a Distinguished Eagle.

DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY. It's always about efficiency. A boat that can cross the North Sea in a gale is going to be different from a recreational kayak, but whatever the category we want to make the most efficient boat for the job. And sometimes you need to be out of the box. Henry Ford once said, 'If I would have asked my customers what they wanted, they would have wanted a faster horse.'

WHAT'S YOUR PROCESS? It's like planting a bonsai tree and making the branches go where you want them to go. We watch it grow, and make little changes every day. And we're in the water all the time, playing with the boats and making adjustments.

CLOSING THOUGHT? Years ago a gal from a magazine asked me to describe myself in three words. I thought about that, and I'd seen other people's answers—you know, trustworthy and so forth. And I said, 'Here are my three words: born to paddle.' It's what I started with, what I still do and what I still enjoy. That's kind of what I am.

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FUSION

$2,049 *RUDDER: $300*

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *13′*
WIDTH - *31″*
WEIGHT - *34 LBS.*

Sports and Leisure: The Fusion blends the best features of both a canoe and kayak. Paddled with a double or single blade, its foot controlled rudder makes maneuvering a cinch. It runs drier and holds more gear than any fishing kayak, while keeping your gear readily accessible.

WEE LASSIE

$1,599

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *12′6″*
WIDTH - *27.5″*
WEIGHT - *25 LBS.*

Sports and Leisure: The Wee Lassie is a classic Adirondack-style solo designed for smaller lakes and rivers. The floor-mounted seat includes an adjustable back rest. It performs well with a kayak paddle and at 29 pounds its one of the lightest canoe you'll ever find.

HERON

$1,699
3 LAYUPS: $1,699-$2,399

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *15′*
WIDTH - *36″*
WEIGHT - *58 LBS.*

General Touring: The Heron is the smallest tandem canoe in our Touring family. Inexperienced paddlers like its stability, while adept paddlers appreciate its efficiency. Because of it's smaller size the Heron is practical for day trips on lakes, smaller rivers and streams.

BOUNDARY WATERS

$1,899
3 LAYUPS: $1,899-$2,599

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *36.5″*
WEIGHT - *53 LBS.*

Sports and Leisure: Fishermen, families, and new paddlers will enjoy the Boundary Waters' easy paddling, super stability, and capacity. It serves well on an afternoon paddle or two-week trip. The extra fullness throughout the middle lets you carry loads of gear when you need to.

SPIRIT II

$1,899
3 LAYUPS: $1,899-$2,599

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *17′*
WIDTH - *36″*
WEIGHT - *54 LBS.*

General Touring: Like a Swiss Army knife, the Spirit II does everything. Our best selling tandem, it's as efficient as a long-hulled canoe and as maneuverable as a short one. If you could only have one canoe to serve all your needs, the Spirit II would be one of few candidates.

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ADIRONDACK

$1,799
3 LAYUPS: $1,799-$2,499

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *65 LBS.*

Performance Touring: Designed for day and overnight trips, the Adirondack paddles efficiently with a light-to-moderate load. It has excellent stability in a lean or in waves and is one smooth-paddling canoe. Who said an efficient canoe had to be long?

PROSPECTOR 16

$1,899
3 LAYUPS: $1,899-$2,599

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *36.5"*
WEIGHT - *53 LBS.*

Down River: This proven down river hull is our version of the classic design, and the closest thing to the original that money can buy. It's a stable hull for rivers and streams—with ample rocker, it's quick to turn. We also make a 15' model of the Prospector that's very solo friendly.

CHAMPLAIN

$1,999
3 LAYUPS: $1,999-$2,699

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *18'*
WIDTH - *37"*
WEIGHT - *61 LBS.*

General Touring: One of our largest tandems, the Champlain is a versatile boat that's efficient and glides well. It is the best touring canoe ever designed for extended big lake and river trips. Its stability sets your mind at ease if you're day tripping with small children.

ITASCA

$2,299
3 LAYUPS: $2,299-$2,999

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *19'*
WIDTH - *37"*
WEIGHT - *49 LBS.*

Expedition: The Itasca is built to carry expedition sized loads through wind and waves. This long, seaworthy hull tracks superbly, carries loads and glides far—it's the right boat for extreme exploring, coastal touring and week long adventures.

ENCOUNTER

$1,799
3 LAYUPS: $1,799-$2,499

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM
LENGTH - *17'*
WIDTH - *31.5"*
WEIGHT - *48 LBS.*

Expedition: The Encounter was created for long, solo expeditions with ample gear. It tracks straight and carries weight easily over rough water. The Encounter is a specially engineered craft roomy enough for large people and buoyant enough for heavy loads.



VAGABOND

$1,499

3 LAYUPS: $1,499-$2,199

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *14'6"*
WIDTH - *29.75"*
WEIGHT - *45 LBS.*

General Touring: This small, responsive, solo hull is a great choice for a first solo canoe. The Vagabond's small size makes it easy to car-top and carry, and convenient to store. Try paddling it with a kayak paddle, it's lighter and out performs kayaks of similar length.

AURORA

$1,799

3 LAYUPS: $1,799-$2,499

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'*
WIDTH - *36"*
WEIGHT - *39 LBS.*

General Touring: The Aurora is a downsized version of the Spirit II, with all that boat's virtues, but a foot shorter in length. It paddles easily and performs reliably in wind and waves. It has depth in both the center and the ends, and maintains ample freeboard when loaded.

PRISM

$1,699

4 LAYUPS: $1,699-$2,999

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *30.75"*
WEIGHT - *32 LBS.*

General Touring: The Prism is our most popular solo canoe. Incredibly versatile, it'll take you comfortably over all kinds of waters. Blending efficiency, stability, capacity and finesse, it's ideal for cruising with a light load, but also has the volume needed for medium length trips.

WILDERNESS

$1,599

4 LAYUPS: $1,599-$2,899

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *15'4"*
WIDTH - *30.5"*
WEIGHT - *41 LBS.*

General Touring: The Wilderness is designed for extended solo trips. It portages well, paddles efficiently, carries plenty of gear and gives a dry ride in rough waters. Its well rounded stability and moderate rocker make it a great down river boat as well.

SOLO PLUS

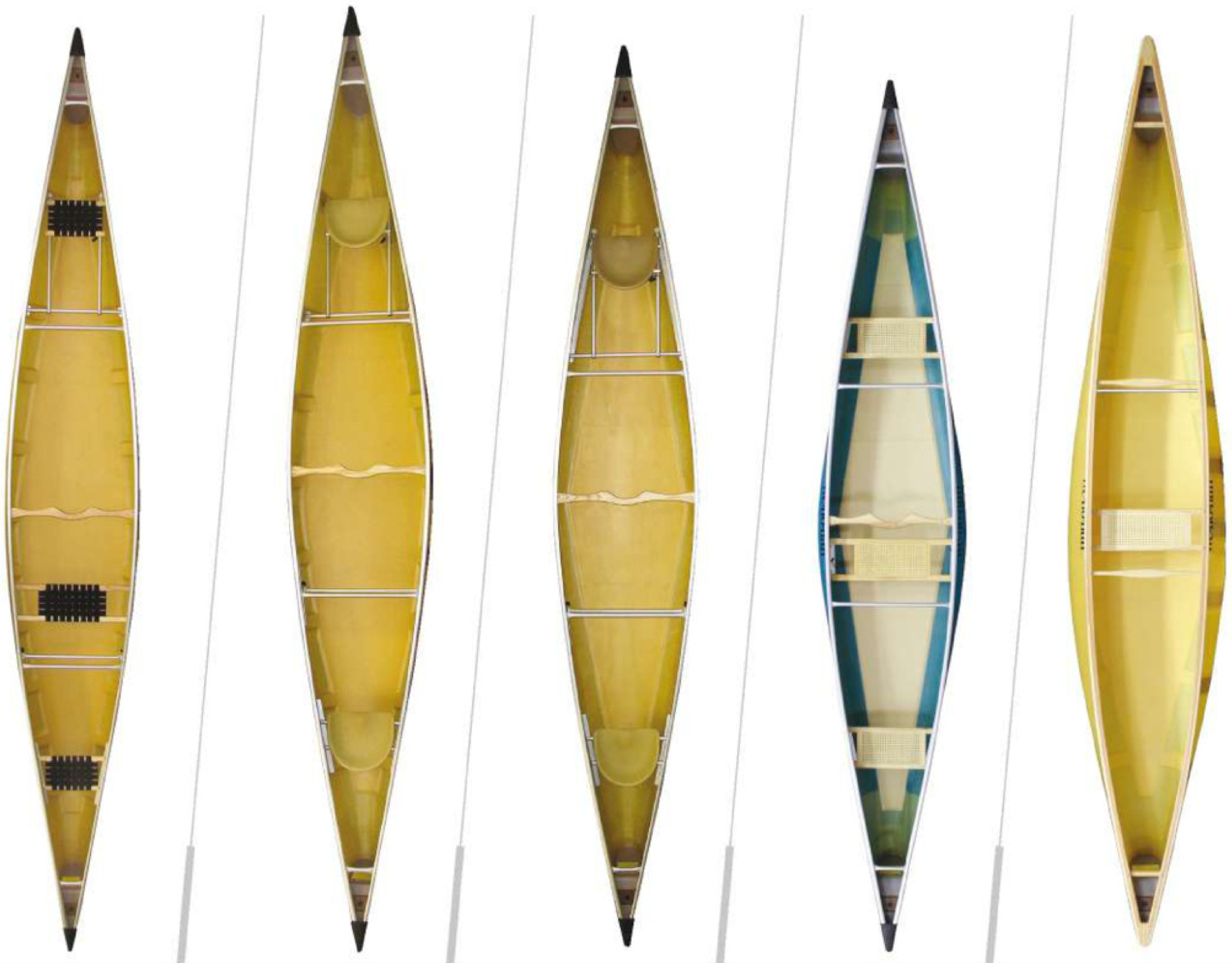
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3 LAYUPS: $1,899-$2,599

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, TUF-WEAVE / TANDEM

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *32.75"*
WEIGHT - *40 LBS.*

General Touring: For people who want both the freedom of a solo canoe and the companionability of a tandem. As a solo, it's a stable, efficient touring hull with the capacity to carry gear for a week. Paddled tandem it's an efficient performance design.



MINNESOTA II

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4 LAYUPS: $1,999-$3,349

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *18'6"*
WIDTH - *35"*
WEIGHT - *42 LBS.*

Performance Touring: Designed for three paddlers and their gear, the Minnesota 3 travels faster, with less effort, than most tandems. It accommodates three comfortably, and you can even add a fourth if the whole family wants to come along.

MINNESOTA 3

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COMPOSITE, KEVLAR / SOLO

LENGTH - *20'*
WIDTH - *35.5"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

Performance Touring: Designed for three paddlers and their gear, the Minnesota 3 travels faster, with less effort, than most tandems. It accommodates three comfortably, and you can even add a fourth if the whole family wants to come along.

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COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'6"*
WIDTH - *34.5"*
WEIGHT - *53 LBS.*

Performance Touring: The Escape is a shorter version of the Minnesota II, with similar lines and the increased maneuverability that comes along with a shorter canoe. Our medium sized performance tandem, it's a very versatile craft that takes on water of all sizes.

ESCAPADE

$1,799
4 LAYUPS: $1,799-$3,149

COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *16'6"*
WIDTH - *33.5"*
WEIGHT - *55 LBS.*

Performance Touring: The Escapade defines efficiency and superb performance in one compact package. A good fit for smaller paddlers, those who pack light, and all people who prefer a shorter canoe. Add a center seat to make it a maneuverable solo.

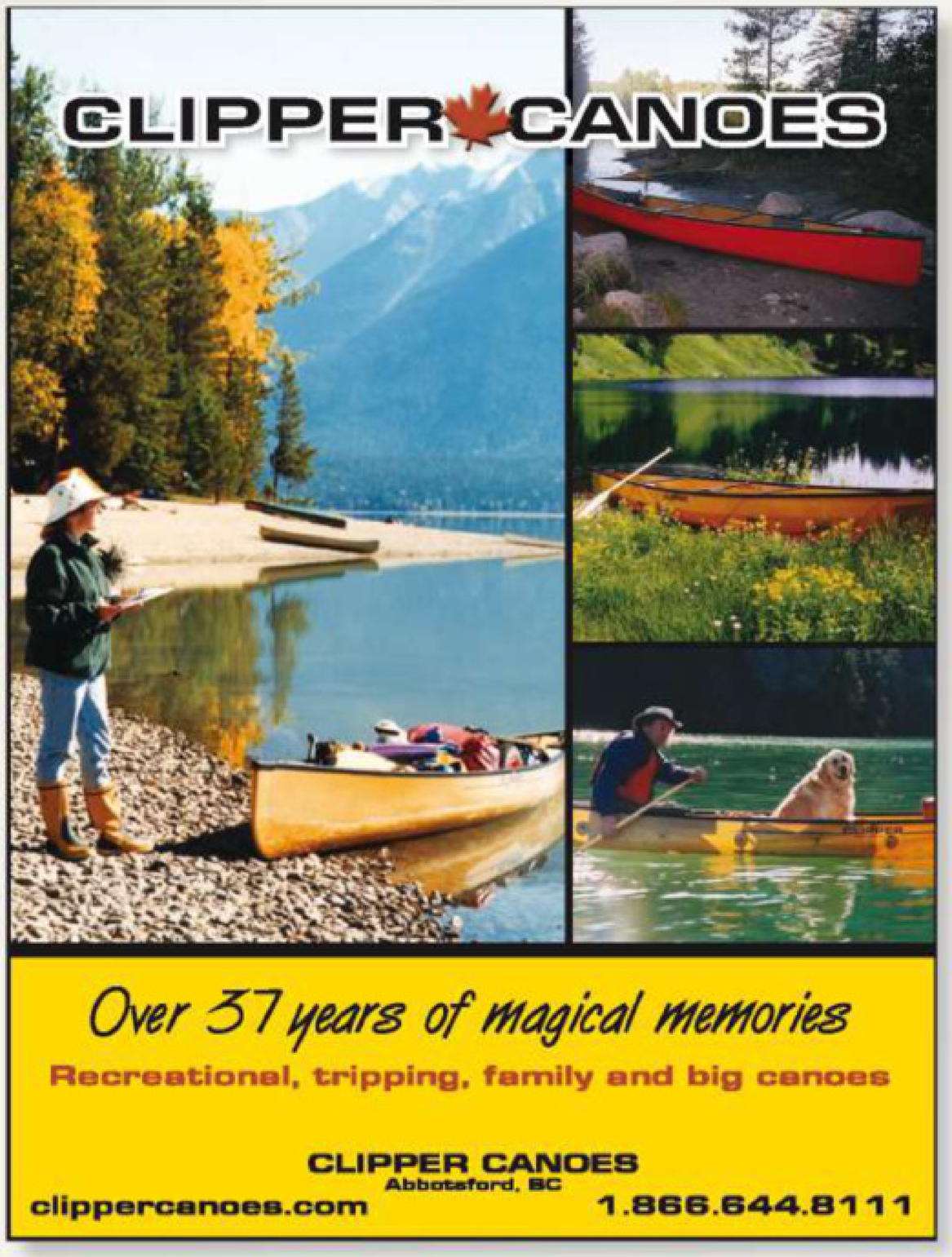
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COMPOSITE, KEVLAR, GRAPHITE TUF-WEAVE / SOLO

LENGTH - *17'6"*
WIDTH - *28.75"*
WEIGHT - *34 LBS.*

Performance Touring: Designed for a solo paddler with big plans, the Voyager is at home on large lakes and rivers. The solo version of the legendary Minnesota II, it's incredibly efficient, straighttracking and capable of carrying two-weeks gear. It's the benchmark boat of its class.







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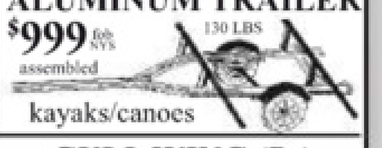


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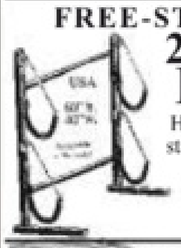


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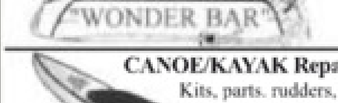


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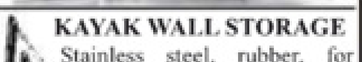
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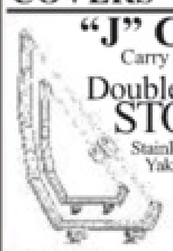


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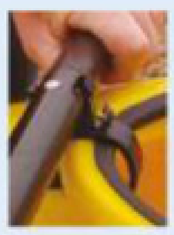




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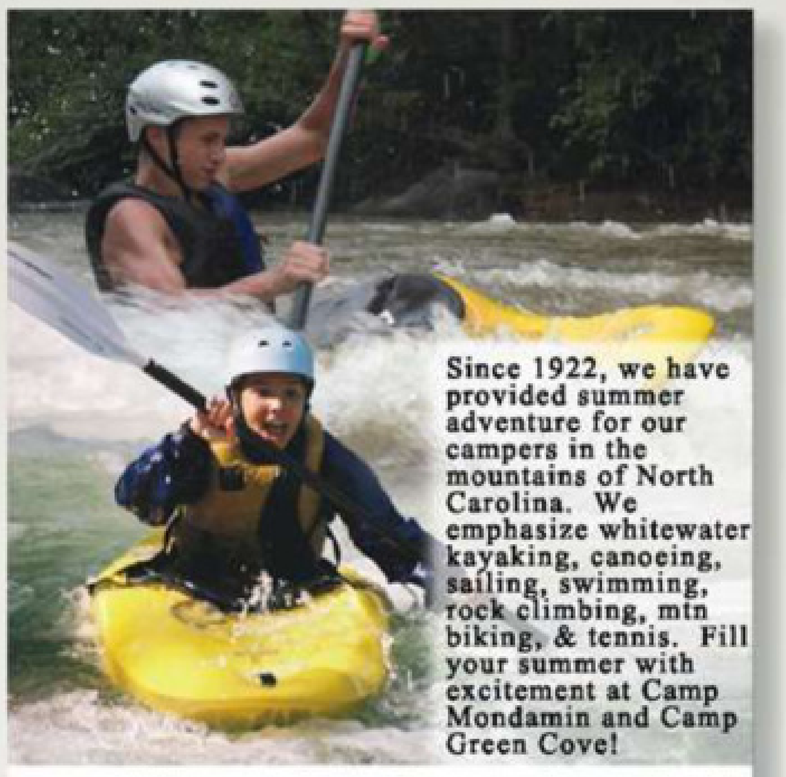


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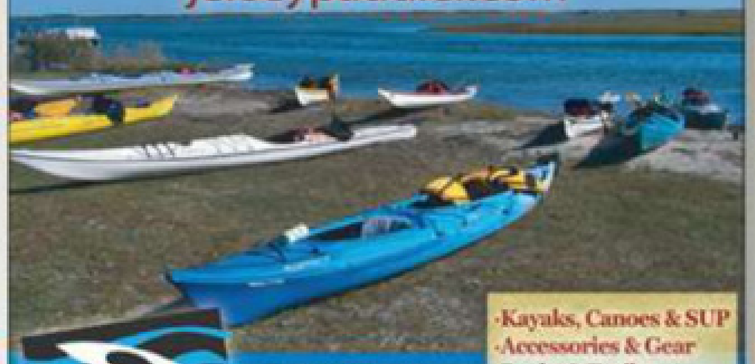
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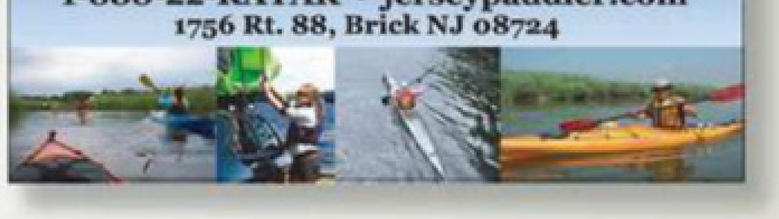


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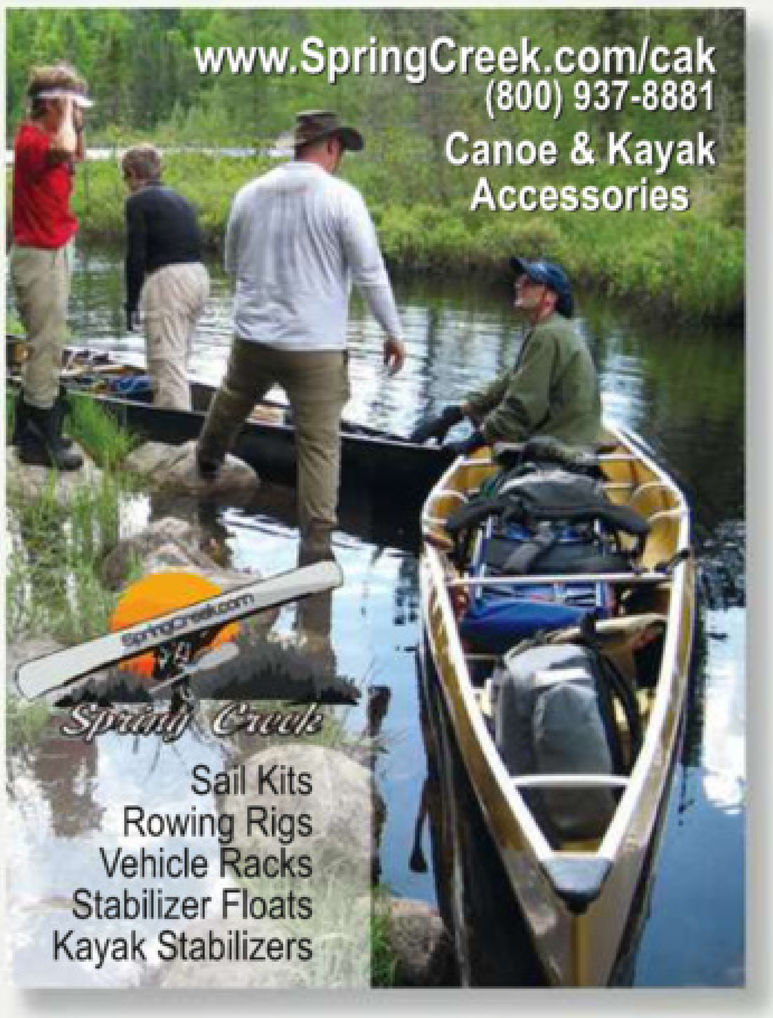
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Doug and Forest Woodward, Grand Canyon of the Colorado, November 2013.

Grand Canyon, from p. 68 gracefully onto the green tongue, accelerating with the current. I watched his eyes dart left and right, then lock in dead ahead as he took two last strokes, committing us to the center line over the peaks and valleys of surging water. Waves washed over the left tube, then the right, obscuring Dad for a moment before he emerged, rowing hard. Determination in the clench of his jaw, and the measured push of his palms against the handles of the oars.

"One more!" he calls out to me.

I turn my eyes in time to watch a sheet of glassy green explode over the bow, and then it is over, the roar of the rapid fading behind us. I look at Dad. He grins at me, water still dripping from his face and glasses, beading on his nose. I grin back, proud that he is my dad. We talk for the next half-hour as we float along. About that day on the Nantahala, about his kayak run of this river year 43 years ago, about today, and about fear and the river.

As clouds roll in and the low rumble of thunder follows us through the Canyon, we stop to scout Crystal. The rain brings a wave of smells, sweet and pungent as the desert rehydrates and exhales. We decide to run the right side—sneaking well clear of the large hole that has given Crystal her reputation as a bully. I feel calm as we row toward the horizon line. I thought I had come to the Canyon for Dad—a trip down memory lane, a rekindling of his old flame and passion. I didn't realize until today, that I am here as much for myself as I am for him.

As we float through the end of Crystal without mishap, I feel the part of me that carried a fear of the river all these years begin to be replaced with respect. Respect for Dad and all he has taught me. Respect for the river and all she has taught me. I have much yet to learn, but I am listening—to the roar of the rapids, the whisper of the eddies, and to Dad.

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